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The Acceleration of History

DURING the battle of the Yankee *Bon Homme Richard* over the *Serapis*, September 23, 1779, the two old sailing ships were sometimes so close that their captains talked back and forth. When a shot broke the *Richard's* flagstaff and the ensign trailed in the water astern, Captain Pearson of the *Serapis* came to the rail and shouted, "Do I understand that you've struck?"

"I have just begun to fight!" returned John Paul Jones. The battle wore on under the moonlit sky. Blood, fire, sweat: until Jones, scenting victory, gaily asked Jack Robinson — the bos'un, hurrying about the deck, if they should surrender. "No, sir," was Robinson's reply. "I think we've got another shot in the locker." That shot was tried, dropped from the yard-arm after the *Richard* had "closed" with the enemy; dropped into the *Serapis's* hold, doing such damage that at 10:35 P.M., as the moon still shone clear and strong, the enemy surrendered — for the Americans had boarded the *Serapis*.

Such were the major naval battles of only a century and a half ago, and one needs only contrast them with the increasing destructiveness of the wars since to realize there must soon be *an end of all war*. The very fact of present-day destructive power — highlighted now by the atomic bomb's capacity to blow a city into an eight mile high geyser of dust — becomes its own event-sign that history is striding with seven-league boots toward the climactic year.

Obviously, God will yet have to do as He has said: *Fight the final phase of these long years of war Himself* — to demonstrate to the world that men and their works are like pygmies compared to His power, and that His Laws must be learned and kept so that righteousness between men and nations will ensue.

Thus the acceleration of history is now bringing us near the year when history is destined to record that Peace has come at last — and that it has come in the only way possible: *through obedience to God!*

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Peace is not the result of the cessation of armed conflict but is, rather, a condition of the spirit. The mere fact that nations have laid down their arms is of little consequence in the program for lasting peace if the spirit of conquest still dominates the thought and intent of any people or nation. Under such conditions it will be only a matter of time when favorable opportunities will enable men of such nations to express their wishes through action and war will again afflict peace-loving people.

The quite peaceful scene of an autumn day can suddenly be changed into a whirling mass of debris and falling timber when a hurricane suddenly sweeps over the countryside. Just so, the present ostensible post-war period of peace can suddenly be changed through violent aggression on the part of a treacherous foe as a nation, bent on conquest, suddenly strikes at those it wishes to destroy.

Meteorologists give advance notice of a coming storm by charting the area of disturbance and predicting its time of arrival. So, also, students of prophecy are today given advance notice, in the midst of what is called peace, of the coming again of the storms of war, for such disturbances are clearly charted by the prophets and we would do well, as a nation, to give heed to their warning.

In DESTINY for July 1944, under the title "We Are Unprepared for Peace," the statement is made:

"Had our nation, as God's people, turned to our God-given system of administration and to His laws of righteousness, we would now be in a position of offering liberated peoples *the most perfect system of administration and law a people could possibly possess or desire*. Unfortunately we are as unprepared for peace now as we were unprepared for war in 1941, and because of our failure to prepare for peace the enemies of righteousness are taking full advantage of the situation as they propagate the glories of Communism, contrasting its advantages against the evils of capitalism as known and understood by the masses and under which many have suffered."

What was said over a year ago is again apt. With the defeat of Germany and now of Japan we are, as a nation, wholly unprepared for peace. Today, with the cessation of hostilities, America is thinking mostly in terms of coming material prosperity. The question of our relationship to God and the need of restoring righteousness by the administration of His laws in our midst is far removed from the thinking of the average individual. A time of trouble and not of peace is ahead of us because of this lack of spiritual perception. Quoting further from the above article:

"While we will win the war against Nazism we will lose the peace, for the fruits of victory will be reaped by the Soviet government of Russia through the acceptance by liberated peoples of the Communistic ideology of government. The rise of the power of the Red or Third Woe of Revelation is at hand and God's people are powerless to prevent the spread of the doctrines of Karl Marx; for this doctrine, as exemplified in Communism, can only be met and overcome by *the doctrines of the Kingdom of God* and its laws of righteousness.

"Anglo-Saxondom has failed to accept and believe in their God-given responsibility for administering His commandments, statutes and judgments. This failure leaves them without a weapon to meet and overcome the evils of Marxism which can only be overcome through propagating the gospel of the glad tidings of the Kingdom. . . . We are drifting towards a situation which will become desperately acute as Communism grows stronger, *not only in Europe but within the body politic in our own country*, precipitating a major crisis leading to the time of trouble of which Daniel speaks (Dan. 12: 1)."

Events in Europe amply bear out the fact that Soviet Russia is winning the peace while internal conditions in the Israel lands are demonstrating our inability to overcome the doctrines of Marxism because we have failed to accept the teachings of Jesus Christ regarding His Kingdom.

We have not arrived at a time of peace; instead, we are living under an armed truce—to be broken later by hostilities when evil again elects to become aggressive.

YOUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national* phase, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all shortly take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race and it is very probable that *you* are of that race, thus both the Bible and DESTINY deserve your consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By

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what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

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Israel! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed

His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, however, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King.

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing and pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today — the same people with the same work — now nearing the time of the full entry of the rule of God among men.

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

A SIFTING TIME

WAR is over and world peace has come at last. So reason the great majority of people. Because this is so the immediate prospects of universal peace have blinded the eyes and dulled the understanding of many to the significance of the times and seasons in which we are living.

The faithful students of the Word are fully aware that the desired peace has not come. Because multitudes are unable to recognize the significance of our times they are assuming the tempo has changed with prosperity assured in a post-war period. Thus men are unaware that the cessation of hostilities is temporary, a pause only, in order that positions may be consolidated as the nations make ready for the final phase of world conflict.

But this pause is also a sifting time during which many who have failed to become fully grounded in the truth will be offended and turn away. A falling away inevitably accompanies an apparent failure of the immediate fulfillment of prophecy which individuals are prone to expect, having suffered long under the present order. This impatience is an Israel characteristic. Yet, it was never more certain than now that this generation lives in a time when prophecies for the period will have certain, sure fulfillment.

God allows uncertainties to test men and thus prove who are faithful, for those who walk by sight fall away during such periods of testing. The faithful see God's hand in world movements and are aware of the accuracy of prophetic fulfillment in His activities in behalf of His people. Prophecy has not failed. We have merely entered the center of the storm area and are in the calm before its full fury is felt again. This is a time of real expectancy for the faithful student of His Word as God makes ready to demonstrate, in a startling manner, the truth and accuracy of that Word. But before doing so He first removes from among the remnant the skeptical and unbelieving.

Even the present period is fulfilling prophecy and preparing the way for coming events that could not occur until a truce in armed conflict had been declared. Prophecy clearly indicates that certain startling aspects of fulfillment

are to occur during a time of seeming peace. The present cessation of hostilities is therefore of utmost importance and, as students of prophecy, we are today in the position of the newsmen who, when there is a dearth of information, wait expectantly at the teletype knowing the silence is but a harbinger of coming events. News will soon break which will electrify an unsuspecting world. The cry of peace has gone out throughout the world and nations are undertaking to out-law war by agreement. This, in itself, is an interesting fulfillment of prophecy and furnishes us a remarkable mile-post along the way, the significance of which it would be well for those inclined to falter to carefully consider. When they shall say:

"... Peace and safety [or security]; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (I Thess. 5: 3.)

These events need not overtake us unaware, for Paul declares: "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness." So when we find those who in the past seemed enthusiastic but have suddenly become cool toward the message of the Kingdom and indifferent to the significance of the days in which we are living, it is evident they are not numbered among those who have sustaining light.

Today there is enough explosive material in the Balkans, in the near East, and in the far East to hasten those events destined to bring about the suddenness of fulfillment of which Paul spoke and from which all peace agreements of the United Nations cannot possibly save us. Even domestic conditions in all lands are fraught with trouble for every nation. All these things are daily proclaiming the impossibility of continued peace, regardless of the planning of men, and so we with confidence declare that the present pause is but a prelude in the rapid acceleration of events towards the climax of the ages. That climax will come in accord with the prophetic declaration and will be on time.

Let those who know the truth be faithful to the end. This is no time to turn aside from witnessing; no time to fail Him, remembering His words: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

SENTIMENTALISM

CHRISTIAN leadership today is so far astray from the truth it is impossible for them to recognize fundamentals *because they have not yet seen the Kingdom*. The Kingdom of God was established upon earth at Mount Sinai. This is the Kingdom over which Jesus Christ is to reign according to the Angel's annunciation to Mary. The Angel said of Jesus:

"And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1: 32-33.)

It is essential, not only to an understanding of Scripture, but of present world events, that the existence of His Kingdom as represented in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples be fully recognized. Until Israel is found men cannot hope to understand why God allows certain things to happen.

The Christian Century for August 29, 1945 in an editorial titled "America's Atomic Atrocity" condemns our use of the atomic bomb to bring the Japanese to surrender unconditionally. If the writer of this editorial was confined in a Japanese concentration camp, and subject to the physical torture which has been visited upon many of our boys, would he be so ready to condemn a weapon that would mean freedom for him and relief from suffering?

War is hell, but who started it? The Japanese who followed their treacherous attack upon us at Pearl Harbor with the death march of Bataan and atrocities perpetrated upon helpless prisoners deserve no sympathy. If the use of the atomic bomb did nothing else than bring the conflict in the Pacific to a speedy end, setting the prisoners free from the horrors of Japanese cruelty, its use was justifiable.

Japan alone was responsible for war in her treacherous attack upon us. If the Japanese leaders had made good their boast of dictating the terms of peace at the White House the horrors of the atomic bomb would be nothing in comparison to what this nation would have been made to suffer. With a Japanese occupation of the United States just how much freedom would the Christian leaders in this nation have enjoyed?

It is difficult to see how the use of a block busting bomb is more moral than using the atomic bomb. Actually the only difference is one of degree as to area covered and speed of destruction. If, as *The Christian Century* declares, it was an act of atrocity to drop the two bombs on Japanese cities, what degree of destruction by explosives would they consider to be within the bounds of morality? Beyond what point would it be immoral to increase the effectiveness of explosions? When does it cease to be moral and become immoral to bomb a city? To ask such questions invalidates their reasoning. Japan has only herself to blame, for the results of her evil aggression have come home to her in the destruction of her cities. What she endeavored to do to others has returned a hundred fold upon her own head.

The editor of *The Christian Century* claims Japan should have been first warned of what was in store for her. Japan was warned that she faced utter destruction if she refused to surrender and she did not believe it until the demonstration was actually made; then she surrendered. But then, Japan did not serve notice on us or warn that she was about to attack Pearl Harbor and we were not at war with her then.

When Christian leaders come to the full recognition that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are the Israel of God today

and that God constituted them His battle ax and weapons of war to subdue evil aggression, giving them in time of need a weapon no other nation possessed to carry out this purpose (see "A Merciful God," *DESTINY* for September, 1945) they will then recognize Divine justice is operating even in the dropping of atomic bombs upon two Japanese cities. Let the editor of *The Christian Century* challenge God for promising to give to His Kingdom people a deadly new weapon and in time to bring Japan quickly to her knees!

The religious sentimentalists of the past made World War II, as well as Pearl Harbor, inevitable in the hindering of national preparedness according to the requirements of God's laws for His people. These same sentimentalists are again hard at work and are now condemning the means God placed in our hands to overcome a cruel and treacherous foe. It is certain we have used this new weapon with restraint and when Japan offered to surrender we waited patiently for her to completely make up her mind. It is certain that the two bombs dropped have saved thousands of American lives and cut short the prolonged torture of prisoners in Japanese camps.

The Christian world would do well to study the instructions God has given His people as well as the promises to the Kingdom. When the enemy attacks:

"He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them." (Deut. 33: 27.)

This is instruction to the nation and may God deliver us from a so-called Christian leadership which fails to recognize the authenticity of His Word or the identity of the people of His Kingdom. They also fail to distinguish between God's instructions to the individual and His instructions to the nation which deal with the administration of the law. Such men lack understanding and certainly are not gifted with the necessary wisdom of God to lead this great people; otherwise they would see that God has provided the means to subdue evil aggression giving us a new weapon to be used for this purpose. It is our task to restore order and peace, notwithstanding the objection of religious sentimentalists, and God is blessing our efforts.

THE FIRE OF GOD

AN account of the use of fire and heat comparable with the energy released by the atomic bomb is recorded in Scripture. This power was used by Elijah in the demonstration of the might of Jehovah the God of Israel. A severe drought had afflicted the land of Palestine for over three years when Elijah presented himself to Ahab the king, who accused the prophet of troubling Israel. Elijah replied:

"I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim. Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table." (1 Kings 18: 18-19.)

Ahab the king, with all the people and the prophets of Baal, gathered at Mount Carmel to meet Elijah. Elijah proposed that a test be made as to whether the Lord be God or Baal. Sacrifices were to be prepared and laid upon two altars, one built by the prophets of Baal and the other by Elijah. No fire was to be applied to the sacrifice but the prophets of Baal were to call upon their god while Elijah

called upon his God, and the one who answered by fire would be the true God.

The prophets of Baal built their altar and laid the sacrifice and wood upon it and began calling upon Baal, continuing to plead with the god Baal all the forenoon but no answer came. At noon Elijah began to ridicule them, saying:

"Call with a louder voice, — for he is a god! Perhaps he is talking? or perhaps he is hunting? or perhaps alone on a journey? or it may be he is asleep? — and he must be awakened!" (I Kings 18: 27, *F. F. Trans.*)

So they called with a louder voice and gashed themselves with knives and hooks, as was their custom, but:

"There was no voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded."

Elijah then called the people to come near to him. He raised up an altar to the Lord, taking twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, building an altar with them in the name of the Lord. A trench was made around the altar which would hold about two hogshead of water. The sacrifice and wood were laid upon the altar, and the people, under his instruction, poured water over the sacrifice, wood and altar until it was thoroughly drenched and the trench was full to overflowing. As the time of the evening sacrifice approached Elijah came near to the altar and prayed:

"Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again." (I Kings 18: 36-37.)

God answered Elijah in a demonstration of fire and heat comparable with the energy released by the splitting of the atom, which the Scripture designates as the fire of the Lord:

"Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench."

This demonstration had an electrifying effect upon the people who witnessed the scene and saw the result of the fire and its tremendous heat which consumed not only the sacrifice but the stones, earth and water. All the people fell on their faces. Could it be that the small amount of force released for the purpose of consuming this sacrifice was sufficiently powerful to bring prostration by physical means? The people knew that the power of God was in this fire and exclaimed: "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God."

Energy of this nature is only safe at the command of men who, like Elijah, are consecrated to the service of the Lord. They alone are capable of the restraint needed in handling such power. Today God's people Israel are the custodians of the knowledge of the use of atomic energy and the time is at hand for them to awaken to spiritual values and the need of carrying out God's purposes and observing all His laws in order that they may use this power of the universe aright. In the coming new order the control of destructive forces will remain the exclusive property of the righteous nation and under the authority of Godly men who will be in control of national affairs.

John records in Revelation that even at the close of the millennial era nations will gather in an effort to destroy the administration and rule of our Lord. The fire of God will again be used, not only to destroy this rebellion but to consume the enemies of God and His Kingdom. The account states:

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog,* to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city [encircled the fortress of the holy, and the beloved city]: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." (Rev. 20: 7-9.)

This is the recorded prediction of the destruction of the final enemies of His Kingdom by the use of terrific fire and heat. After that will come the general resurrection and the judgment of the dead who stand before the Great White Throne and are judged according to their works.

Throughout the Bible there are references to the fire of God which is a consuming fire as evidenced in the demonstration made by Elijah to prove to the Israel people that "the Lord He is God." The skeptics in the past have made fun of the incident of the consuming power of the fire described in the above account, but now the atomic bomb has not only destroyed cities but blasted into oblivion the arguments of the disbelievers that such a destructive type of fire is nonexistent. Thus the discoveries of science today prove the accuracy of the Bible record in referring to a fire so intense that it burned stone, earth and water.

A PHILOSOPHY OF EVIL

UNDER the pressure of Socialist and Communist thinking the acquisition of wealth is stigmatized as anti-social and therefore a menace to the well-being and best interests of the community. Under this doctrine Russia liquidated her middle and upper classes and now we find the effects of such evil propaganda having an influence in America where the possession of wealth brings the label of "economic royalists." But is the possession of wealth evil and living a life of poverty virtuous? One would think so after reading and listening to the philosophical teachings which emanate from certain left wing groups.

The possession, or the lack of possession of goods or money is, in itself, no criterion whatever of good or evil. A wealthy or a poor man can be either good or evil according to his observance of the standards of righteousness. There is no virtue in poverty itself; in fact squalor and poverty in any land is definite evidence of a nation lacking in righteousness and a people who are refusing to keep the laws of God, the observance of which would eliminate poverty and bring prosperity and peace to all.

To extol the possession of wealth as evil is to challenge God Himself Who declared that His people were to possess wealth by observing all His laws. One need only read the blessings pronounced upon Israel to recognize God's intent to make them a wealthy people.

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt harken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy

* See "Study in Revelation," page 303.

God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

"Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

"Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

"Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

"Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

"The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

"The Lord shall command the blessings upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee . . .

"And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

"The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand." (Deut. 28: 1-12.)

Because men have forgotten God and His ways, they have been unable in their planning to attain all these blessings and so we are urged to accept economic ideologies which extol a leveling of society but which, in reality, lead directly to regimentation by government. Refusing to live under the blessings of the administration of Jehovah we apparently prefer to be told an Utopia will be forthcoming under the oppressive, evil doctrines of the Satanic Kingdom. Millions have accepted this propaganda as true, proving that apart from God and the observance of His laws man is without wisdom.

Under the present philosophical teachings of the Socialists and Communists it would have been a calamity for Isaac to have planted, as he did, and in the same year reap a hundred fold increase. His father Abraham before him was rich in goods, so was his son Jacob after him.

God intended His people to possess wealth and live in comfort and peace. Man today, however, would destroy the wealth of individuals and relegate all mankind to a life under regimentation which would destroy initiative and enterprise. The desire is to prevent the accumulation of wealth by the individual in order to abolish independence and freedom, making men more readily subject to over-all control.

It is with this end in view, the control of mankind, that the possession of wealth is made to appear evil. Already this propaganda has had its effect as Satanic forces move to set up their poverty-infested kingdom of regimentation. God's ways and methods for the happiness of His people are far above any program devised by man. God has declared:

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa. 55: 9.)

God has thoughts of peace, prosperity and abundant wealth for all His people but man in his stupidity rejects this way of life. Why is he content to accept conditions of poverty, squalor and human misrule when he might be living on the bounty of God Who can provide for all comforts and needs?

RUSSIA'S LAST-MINUTE DECLARATION

THE Pacific conflict has ended. A few days before Japan capitulated Russia declared war and moved into Manchuria. Thus the atomic bomb brought not only the surrender of our foe in the Pacific but brought political repercussions in Moscow as well and forced Russia into immediate conflict with the Japanese.

This was confirmed at the time by reports from Washington which stated that the Soviet Union was not scheduled to declare war upon Japan for some weeks. Obviously Stalin decided not to wait longer for fear the Japanese would be compelled to surrender before he could enter the war against them. Russia was at war with Japan forty-eight hours after we dropped the first atomic bomb upon Hiroshima.

While many welcomed Russian participation in the Pacific conflict, if for no other reason than to hasten its end and save American lives, yet Stalin's motive in declaring war when he did is quite clear. The Soviets intend to secure all benefits possible from the terms of peace which would be imposed upon the Japanese. Present Russian leaders desire to dominate in the Far East and coveted much of the territory which had been occupied by Japan. Stalin was evidently intending to wait until the last moment and then, by declaring war, profit in the defeat of Japan and secure, at the expense of American blood and money, the fruits of victory. Russia was willing to allow us to carry the burden of the conflict just as long as she would be assured, through a last moment entry, of a place at the peace table.

When Maxim Litvinoff was appointed Soviet Ambassador to the United States he was asked at the time (which was immediately following Pearl Harbor) what Russia would do. His response was that the Soviets would wait and see how the conflict went. That vision became clear with the dropping of the atomic bomb for we were now assured of overwhelming victory.

When Japan finally capitulated, Russia objected to the appointment of General MacArthur as head of the Allied forces of occupation and demanded that a Soviet General be given this post. We refused, for why should Russia expect us to accede to any such demand? The Soviets did not win the war against the Japanese, waiting before entering the conflict until assured we would be victorious. The war was actually won by us before any atomic bombs were dropped. These bombs merely hastened the surrender of our Eastern foe.

The Communists are entrenched in Europe and the Balkans and in the above demand for a Soviet General to head the forces of occupation in Japan they were endeavoring to secure the fruits of victory there too, and as quickly as possible.

One fact must always be borne in mind when dealing with Russia. First and foremost, every move made by the Soviets is in the interest of the furtherance of their own plans. Stalin is not so much concerned in destroying evil aggression as he is actuated by self-interest.

DESTINY for years has pointed to the Japanese as Ammon, a people numbered in the great confederacy under Russia when the final phase of world conflict occurs. Thus we may expect moves in the East destined to bring about the fulfillment of a program which will lead to Japanese coöperation with Russia.

God's Secret

The Power of the Atom

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GOD'S GUIDING HAND behind the release of the secret of the atom is clearly seen in this greatest discovery of the power of the universe when viewed in its setting of world events in relationship to God's promise and the chronology of the period of the judgment.

We learn from Daniel 2:47 that "God is . . . a revealer of secrets," and from Proverbs 3:32 that "his secret is with the righteous." Psalms 25:14 suggests a connection between the secret of the Lord and His covenant; His secret as a means through which He will prove His covenant. And if His secret is with His righteous, the question arises: "Who are His righteous?"

Noah was seen as righteous in his generation (Genesis 7:1). Abraham was counted righteous (Genesis 15:6) and from Isaiah 54:14-17 we should note the following: "In righteousness shalt thou [Israel] be established" for God tells us, "Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work. . . . No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. . . . This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord [Israel], and their righteousness is of me."

Quite clearly from the above we can trace God's righteous from Noah through Abraham to the present day seed of Abraham: none other than the nations of Israel, known to be under the leadership of the sons of Joseph, identified today as Britain and the United States. Note always that Israel's righteousness is of God and due to no superiority of the men. They were selected as servants in the plan of God to save the world.

What conditions could be brought about in world affairs that would cause men and nations at so great a cost of time, energy and wealth to search for God's secret of the power of the atom? Few people will look for blessing to this country from such an event as the

dastardly attack of Japan at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 even though we acknowledge the sure promise of God, so familiar to all, as stated in Romans 8:28.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

And we know that Israel is called according to His purpose, and should know that even an act such as the Japanese attack must be for some good purpose. We should, therefore, search for that purpose.

In the last chapter of Daniel, dealing with this time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, we are told in the twelfth verse: "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." Here we have the promise of *blessedness* to be revealed at the time appointed by God. In "Prophecy on Parade," * page 73, the time measure of "the third day perfected" is discussed, and in Luke 13:32 we see how to count this measure *by adding two days*, for Jesus said: "I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected."

Refer to Chart 39 presented herewith (next page) and note that from Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, 1,335 days expired August 3, 1945, which, plus two days, gives us the date *August 5, 1945; the date of use of the first atomic bomb*, as the *perfected date of the blessing* to come through the release of God's secret to Israel because of the thing (the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor) which was "for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Thus the figures say "blessing perfected" which exactly and accurately expresses God's release of His secret of the atom. Those familiar with "Prophecy on Parade" will recall that

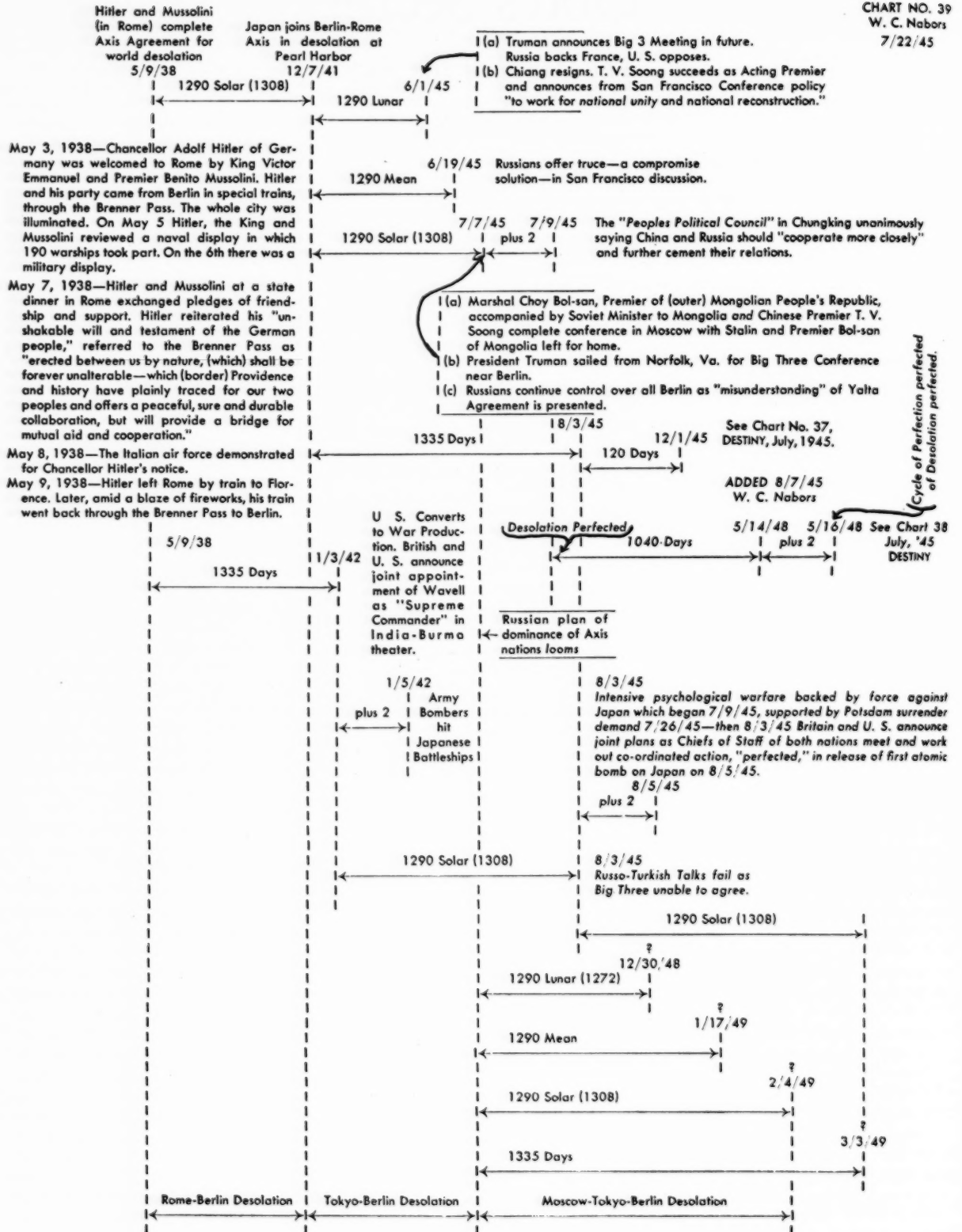
* "Prophecy on Parade" by W. C. Nabors. 40 chapters, 37 charts, page size 6 x 9 1/4, 292 pages, \$3.75 postpaid. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

666 was the measure to identify "Pearl Harbor in reverse." Now we note the fuller measure of blessedness. The true and full significance of the blessedness of this release cannot be seen unless one takes into account the impending aggression of the Great Confederacy and the value of this secret to Israel against the greater crisis now foreshadowed.

We should understand that Pearl Harbor provided the urgency to cause Britain and the United States to join their resources and scientific knowledge to rush the search for God's secret of the atom, and we should see that God fulfilled His promise of the release of this secret to His people, Israel, exactly on the chronological measure He gave for the release of the blessing—for the first atomic bomb was released on Hiroshima on August 5, 1945.

This date (August 5, 1945) is also 153 days from the central date of March 5, 1945 shown on the chart opposite page 36 in "Prophecy on Parade," which chart bears the date September 14, 1940. Both of the above time measures confirm the promises of the Bible that the release of this secret was to come to God's elect, Israel, whose righteousness and calling is of God. (See pages 34 and 51, "Prophecy on Parade.")

Immediately questions arise as to the propriety of a Christian nation using such a weapon of destruction and our enemies say it is unbecoming to a Christian nation. They say we should not destroy cities in war and we should always compromise for a soft peace and thus a campaign is started among the civilian population to condemn the practice and force our government to milder methods. But before we, as men, attempt to pass our judgment we had best search the Scriptures for God's instructions. As always, we find the answer. In Numbers 21:2 we find that Israel made a vow to God and said: "If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities."



There should be no question as to the source of the secret released to us.

"Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? . . . The Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity. . . ." (Psalm 94: 20-23.) "And turn on them their crimes." (Fenton Translation of verse 23.)

"Did God fulfill His promise?" The question has been affirmatively answered by the historical event itself. (Read Isaiah 41: 8-29, Fenton.)

THE tricky, idolatrous Japanese beamed a broadcast in English to Israel in which they offered to accept the Potsdam terms of surrender provided their Emperor Hirohito retains his sovereign power as god. At last we have this world upheaval reduced to its exact and single question, namely, *Who is God?* Israel is thus faced with a major question. Israel can find the answer in God's instructions and promises concerning the conquest of the land in Exodus 23: 24 & 25.

"Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

There are some things that cannot be compromised. The question of who is God is a question on which there is no compromise. The instructions are clear and complete. If we fail to obey them we shall pay the penalty, which penalty will be the lives not only of our soldiers but of our civilians as well.

If we fail God's instructions to utterly overthrow this human idol worshipped as a god and break down their images, what will be the penalty? Will this false god align the Japanese people with the anti-god heathen of Communism for another try with greater forces? Or is this agreement already behind their delay and Russian success on the continent?

My suspicion is that Japan has a side agreement with Russia whereby she will join the Great Confederacy in a hope that she may be a part of that group for the next try. Remember that after Russia declared war on Japan the Russian ambassador remained in Tokyo and conferred with the Japanese government representatives. Is this the Russian counter move comparable to that through the German Stalingrad gen-

erals, used as the Committee for Liberation? Russian advances against Japan after her declaration of war were too fast for true conditions of war. Japan's delay in accepting surrender terms and completing them, and Russia's pressure for a Russian Commander-in-Chief (MacArthur's position), are points worthy of our consideration.

THE one cry of the Christian peoples of the world today is for world peace. In Exodus 23: 24 & 25 (quoted above) the terms are laid down by Almighty God and the promise that, if these terms are met, He will take sickness away from the midst of thee (Israel).

This is not personal and individual sickness. *National sickness is war and national health is peace.* Note that the Fenton Translation of verse 25 reads: "And will turn war away from around you." National peace and prosperity are based upon our obedience to the instructions of God, Who knows that no world peace can come so long as nations retain governments of aggression and seek to establish false gods and worship idols. These would destroy the true God of the Bible, Who made the plans and now fulfills the promises to bring peace to the world, through establishing in righteousness the children of Israel to the dominant position of world government (Isaiah 54: 13 & 14).

The germ of national aggression must first be isolated and then destroyed. False gods become the tools of war lords. This is why God has instructed that governments which bow down to images and worship idols as their gods must be *utterly overthrown*, and why *we must break down such images*. Freedom of religion does not include the right of national idol worship. Hirohito is a war criminal of the first order and he and the system he represents must be utterly overthrown. The Japanese desire to preserve and present him to the world as a god only serves to make clear God's instruction to Israel how to deal with him.

MUCH space has already been given to the time measure shown in Chart 39 to show the blessing perfected in the release of the secret of the atom to Israel, which came because of her experience at Pearl Harbor. Care should be taken to note that this is the second time God's blessing has been released to Israel. From the formation

of the Rome-Berlin Axis we note the plan of the would-be world desolators came into the open on Daniel's time measure of desolation, but from the same period Daniel's time measure of blessing brought the United States to the final decision to convert all production facilities into the production of weapons of war for the defense of the nation. Everyone should now be able to see *the blessing to Israel* — for with those weapons of war in mass production we overcame the Rome-Berlin partners of the Axis. These weapons also proved *even more essential against Japan*. Is this new secret of the power of the atom, released to Israel at this time, to be her blessing against future aggression? It is only the *beginning* of the atomic age. Its greatest blessing is still future.

Each crisis in this world upheaval is greater than the one preceding it, and each crisis foreshadows the one to follow. First there was the desolation by Rome-Berlin; next came desolation by Tokyo-Berlin; now there looms desolation by a Moscow-Tokyo-Berlin Confederacy. This crisis which appears to mark the solution for Japanese aggression has created a still greater one. As we have destroyed the aggression from Europe, Russia has absorbed or devoured the war power in men, factories and machines. As Japanese aggression is destroyed, Russia capitalizes her opportunities to bring China, Mongolia and eventually Japan into her confederacy. At the opportune moment, as she did with Bulgaria, she declared war on Japan and immediately proceeded to begin the take-over of all the Japanese war machine concentrated on the continent and will no doubt accomplish the completion of this move before our armies arrive there.

Thus, while we see God's guiding hand in the fulfillment of help and strength to Israel to destroy these forces of aggression, we also see operating concurrently the promised gathering of all aggression under the Russian domination to include Europe and Asia. We can now understand her compromise solution offered in the San Francisco Conference on June 19, 1945 of a substitute plan as an analysis of the final report from Potsdam changes the affairs of Europe from the management of the Big Three to a council of the Big Five to include China and France. The French representative to serve on this council created at Potsdam is none other than

George Bidault, the French Foreign Minister who declared to the world that his nation would never join a Western Bloc. (See "A World at Sea," *DESTINY* for January, 1945.)

We should not overlook the effect of Russia's declaration of war on Japan and its timeliness in connection with the conference in Moscow between the Chinese Premier T. V. Soong and the Premier of Mongolia. Note should be taken here of the radio announcement when *Moscow* reported Mongolia had declared war on Japan. Russia is now in position to make demands as an ally in the Japanese settlement to come. Russia and China have already requested more supplies from UNRRA than the entire store available for relief of all nations of the world. Chungking is forced to "compromise" with Yenank.

Clearly, when we study the over-all picture, we see the great world crisis over the Japanese war at this period foreshadows a still greater one with Russia. The problems of a so-called peace are greater than past problems of war. We can begin to apply God's time measures to this Russian development and watch its progress on schedule.

Students of prophecy who have followed the work of this author will recall the application of the period of cleansing (2,300 days) applicable to the wicked army of Germany from October 10, 1938 to March 4, 1945. We shall soon witness the cleansing of the Japanese war machine. From the Tokyo manifesto of hate, July 7, 1939 (See Chart 38, *DESTINY* for July,

1945) this period of cleansing (*solar* 2,337 days) expires November 29, 1945. Note in Chart 37 (*DESTINY* for July, 1945) that this day just precedes the terminal dates pointing to the displacement of the Israel nations as a result of the Yalta Conference, which displacement appears as a blessing originating from the German-Russian war, June 21, 1941.

There, also, December 1, 1945 appears as the date of the cycle of perfection (time period for the completion of a plan) from the formation of the United Nations (January 1, 1942) plus the number of Israel (signifying the completion of the reunion of Israel as an outgrowth of the United Nations).

It appears, therefore, that we shall witness this fall the full identity and probably a national proclamation of the people of Israel reunited. This involves a separation (displacement) from Russia as an ally and foreshadows the final conflict between the Israel Nation, led by Britain and America, and the Great Confederacy of Israel's enemies led by Russia.

Many people ask when this conflict will start, meaning exactly when will Russia begin World War III. Only the very blind do not see that she has already started. No attempt will be made now to pinpoint the date of the first military move, but I think we can already identify a future period of extreme crisis within this conflict.

Note and study the full import of the conflict with the Tokyo-Berlin desolation which brought Mr. Churchill to Washington (his first trip) De-

cember 22, 1941; and the purpose and result within the two nations. Refer to Chart 38 and note that the date May 16, 1948 foreshadows the same position for Israel relative to the Russian-Asian confederacy that the date December 22, 1941 revealed in relation to the Tokyo-Berlin desolation.

Further light on this situation comes if you will note Chart 39 where it is portrayed that the seed of desolation beginning May 8, 1938 at the formation of the Rome-Berlin axis ended at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, only to see another crop of desolation come to fruit July 7, 1945 when Russia adds China and Mongolia, setting the stage for "Desolation — Perfected" by July 9, 1945 as the deal seems to be sealed. Add 1,040 days, the cycle of perfection (the time period for the completion of this plan) plus two days (the third day perfected) and the answer is May 16, 1948 and tells the story behind the crisis foreshadowed in Chart 38.

The world stage is even now being set for this final conflict and we can watch developments on the schedule of prophecy. Watch displacement (286), the power of the beast (666), the test (1,260), the desolation (1,290), the blessing (1,335), and the cleansing (2,300). These words and measures portray God's plan of judgment. First displacement (of Israel) removes the restraint of the beastly power, resulting in a test for Israel because of the desolation, then God releases His blessing to Israel resulting in the cleansing! Having witnessed two of these cycles, we now enter the third.

Blasphemy From The Pulpit

A PROMINENT preacher in Los Angeles in a recent Sunday morning address told his congregation they should not take the Bible too seriously. He declared much of the Old Testament myth, legend and story and the books of prophecy, especially Revelation, wild, fantastic dreams, evidently the result of a disordered mind.

Mention is made of this not because it is new but because it is typical of repeated attacks being made from pulpits all over our land. The Bible is held up to ridicule and contempt by men sworn to declare its truths. They are assailing its record and questioning the sanity of its writers. But who is the writer of Revelation, whom this particular minister has declared is insane? It purports to be:

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." (Rev. 1:1.)

Revelation, then, is the unveiling, revealing and present-

ing to earth and heaven of the events leading to the day when the Lord Jesus Christ will come as King of kings and Lord of lords. The above minister declares its author to be insane. *That author is none other than Jesus Christ*, for John merely recorded the things shown and told him by his Lord and Savior.

This Los Angeles preacher impugns the veracity of God and His Son who, through Revelation, is revealing coming events to His followers.

What is the matter with the Church? It is cursed with atheists who have graduated from theological schools and have secured positions in many of our pulpits. These men are poisoning the stream of truth with their blasphemous utterances. But the day is close at hand when they and their evil works are to come to judgment. Gifted with worldly wisdom, they have rejected God and His Word and unless they repent God will reject them.

Review of World Affairs

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An Awkward Phase Between Two Dispensations

THE world has emerged from a ghastly ordeal with a gasp of thankfulness, but on the eve of peace something very big indeed happened; *the first atomic bomb was dropped*. There is in every intelligent mind and in most hearts a certain apprehension of what lies ahead. Never was it more important for responsible men and women to watch political events. Every move, religious, political, economic, military, is now significant. . . .

Amidst almost incredible political events and to the accompaniment of breathtaking physical phenomena we are hurtling into a new dispensation. Only a fool would deny the awe-inspiring mystery of these days which bring us into contact with basic forces of unimaginable grandeur. One of the reasons why, from time to time, there is an overwhelming impression of futility is that there is very little brave thinking about it all. There are such big vested interests in old theses that those who dare to break away find themselves under a deluge of hostile propaganda. Many of the widely propagated political theories, strategic plans, economic ideas, and international arrangements are completely out of date when reduced to popular phrases and, put forth alongside news of the contemporary rise and fall of great historic nations and the unloosing of atomic energy, they seem ridiculous, and they are ridiculous.

Things are happening very fast, and the speed will increase. The momentum will sweep us in this generation from the old to the new dispensation. Ideas and policies, which only yesterday aroused the support of millions, will be meaningless. Realistic Statesmen everywhere ask what a mere League of Nations, a committee of well-meaning diplomats can do against any single powerful nation to which there is no counter-balance, a Power possessing facilities for producing atomic bombs, pilotless aircraft, and rockets. *No League can do anything*. That idea was one for the slow-moving crises of other days, even then it failed. It is meaningless now. The fact that danger of war exists presupposes an evil power, or powers, somewhere. International control of research into atomic energy would mean nothing. The best thing would be for the secret to remain with Britain and America, but that is impossible. Already there is a scramble for the secret. Even the New Poland has started work on it. The best of all would, of course, be for the human race so spiritually to revive that it became a moral impossibility for these newly harnessed forces to be used in war. Yet, while human beings continue to ignore the only source from which the restraining power can ever come, that will prove impossible. It is odd that our generation, so signally the witness of physical phenomena, should yet so stubbornly refuse homage to the maker. *Scientific advance, plus world-wide agnosticism steadily reinforced by teaching children that authority and religious sanctions are so much rubbish, spells disaster*.

A little while ago, the great scientist, Sir James Jeans, wrote: "We are still like children playing with pebbles on the seashore while a great ocean of truth rolls unexplored beyond our reach." Now we have constructed a small boat which we have loaded with our very means of life and put out upon the wild sea of Professor Jeans' imagination. Only one pilot, only one chart can bring us to a safe haven; yet millions do not fully know this, and other millions reject both. Fortunately for the world, though, not all are without acquaintance with the Supreme Pilot and not all ignore the chart. If it were not so, during this last war alone, civilization might well have perished as many said it would.

Mr. Churchill Speaks — Mr. Bevin Confirms

For those acquainted with inner politics, both were sensational pronouncements. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Bevin, in the first speeches since the roles changed, recalled one of the great controversies of the early war years. They also challenged Soviet policy, every political act, and every Government. The two Statesmen attacked were Russian-sponsored. What does this mean? To what will this lead? How will the Soviet react? So far, the reaction has been sharp and unfriendly. To speak of a tragedy on a prodigious scale unfolding behind an iron curtain which at the moment divides Europe in twain, and Communist forces obtaining dictatorial powers, and of police Governments ruling people in a great number of countries was remarkable. Yet those were Mr. Churchill's actual words, which Mr. Bevin echoed. The United States State Department has also made itself pretty clear. . . .

Even now neither Mr. Churchill nor Mr. Bevin have told all. A prodigious tragedy is taking place in the Baltic States, for example, — a corner of Europe which is often comfortably forgotten. Here is an extract from a Latvian pastor's letter dated May 31st, 1945. He is an honest man, telling us what has really happened, and what he says is confirmed by every scrap of Intelligence. He writes:

"On June 17th, 1940, ignoring all Neutral Agreements between the Republic of Latvia and the Soviet Union, the latter occupied Latvia and destroyed her Independence. Amongst other decrees one was directed against religion. Our orphan homes were closed and their inmates sent to the four winds. Suddenly a Special Commission came to the church. All the money and many documents disappeared. We were left without a penny. I asked them 'Can we hold services any longer?' 'Yes, you can, if you secure a special permit but you must do that quickly, otherwise some social organization can apply for a permit to use the church for their own purposes. We got the permit. Rent had to be paid to the State for everything, Communion cups, books, piano, organ, and so on. Electricity tax for such a private enterprise was twenty-five times higher than for domestic use. After a few months of hopeless struggle, everyone had to give up. Thousands of churches have been seized. It is mere propaganda to talk of religious freedom. In Riga, four of our largest and most up-to-date churches were closed and turned into cinemas and clubs.

"I will tell you of my first contact with the political police. They took away all my papers, etc. I had to find secular work and protection but owing to my religious calling this was almost impossible. For several months I looked in vain. At last I succeeded, but three weeks later was sent for by the Chairman of the Worker's Committee. He had discovered I was a pastor. I was requested to sever all connections with my religion. I refused. Two weeks later, I was arrested."

After an extremely rough time (his full description of which we are leaving out), the writer was offered freedom to live and to preach if he would make propaganda in favor of a) the annexation of Latvia by Russia, b) Communist politics. So much for freedom.

The Counterpart in Asia

The Asiatic question is even more important than the European. Russia is at work on a vast scale. Most people are completely ignorant of the immensity of her interests and plans. The pressure upon Persia and Turkey is still great. It is quite untrue to say, as some do, that it has lessened. The position of Persia is one of acute crisis. Nor are things better between Turkey and the Soviets.

In the Far East, the Agreement between Russia and Chungking can be likened to that which the Soviets made with General Sikorski. Yenankai may yet prove the Asiatic Lublin. The growing tension between different factions in China can all alike be fitted into the general pattern of things spread over the vast Asiatic field.

Zionists, much alarmed about Russia's flirtation with certain Arabs, have been cheered up by some whispered assurances not to worry. The Soviets are playing off Jew and Arab. Very angry with France, Moscow may be tempted to finally settle on the Arab card. It offers such great possibilities in North Africa.

It is most important to watch all this. It must be remembered, however, that we are only in the stage of preliminary experiments in this field.

The Political Situation in Britain: The Government Party

British internal politics are still world-wide high priority news. This is likely to continue. The situation could not be more interesting. There is a big fundamental to notice. First of all Mr. Attlee heads a party which tries to govern by doctrine; Mr. Churchill, one which works by instinct. Despite the election result the British public is anti-doctrinaire and much addicted to instinctive reactions. That will create one of Mr. Attlee's biggest difficulties. Already he has had to address the rank and file and no wonder since then they have had much to swallow at a gulp.

Mr. Bevin's speech on foreign affairs was simply appalling to the new Back Benchers who have preached a very different doctrine. As bad, or even worse for them, was the King's speech which was extremely disappointing to the Socialists in the Labor Party. The Government are obliged to say things about the foreign situation which would have created a national crisis coming from a Conservative Government. Already, too, there is propaganda for exports, trade expansion, and other old-fashioned things. The Socialist Left Wing can be kept fairly quiet for only a few months at the most. Then, unless events at home

or abroad have much discredited their views, they will kick. Mr. Attlee will have to move either left or right. Either will be dangerous. There are ambitious rivals within the Party, and a strong outside opposition waiting to attack if its leadership will allow.

The Opposition Party

Mr. Churchill believed in a Conservative victory when eating his breakfast on declaration day. Despite all the anti-Conservative propaganda in the forces and all other handicaps, he thought his personality would prevail. Those closest to him say that he may not be in the House of Commons very much. This is, however, by no means certain. It will depend upon how things go. He will never allow himself to be bored with humdrum politics, but he will never be away from big events or a fight, if he can help it. . . . In any event, Mr. Eden will be in the forefront.

An Episode of the Aftermath

The famous French paper *Figaro* says that when General de Lattre de Tassigny set up headquarters near Lindau, he learned of the presence of Rommel's young son. Contrary to the gossip, the son said that his father was ignorant of the plot against Hitler of July 20th. Rommel made no secret that the war had been lost. This having become known, Hitler gave Rommel the alternative of committing suicide through a fake accident and being buried with military honors, or of being hanged dishonorably. Rommel chose suicide. He left by car, swallowed the poisoned pill sent him by Hitler, and was never again seen alive.

General de Lattre de Tassigny first wanted the young prisoner, not yet of military age, to enjoy privileged treatment. He learned, however, that the German military leaders had been fully aware of happenings in the concentration camps, and that Rommel had known of them too. He, therefore, dropped the idea of special treatment.

Recently, before General de Lattre de Tassigny left the army, he ordered the young man before him. "You are aware of the fate that has befallen the Nazis and the despicable regime which they imposed upon Germany," he said. "You are very young, and yet you have gathered a bitter and cruel experience that must be held in your favor. I do not intend to keep you any longer behind barbed wire. There you can gain nothing. Go to Tuebingen, where university lectures will soon be resumed, to the place where many of your great philosophers lived, the place which for years has been the center of Germanic learning. That will be the right place for your meditation. I do not ask you to deny love to your country. I beg you, however, sincerely to search your heart and to pass righteous judgment on the inhuman ideologies which have led your people to its present state. Now you may go."

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The Release of Atomic Energy

By HOWARD B. RAND

WE ARE elated as a nation over the success of the atomic bomb, for its use has compelled the Japanese to surrender. Yet, with it all, vague apprehensions and fears fill the hearts of men because of its potentialities for destruction. And well may men be fearful, for there is no way — once such a force has been discovered — to guarantee that its secret will always remain in the hands of men who will use it aright.

God has permitted one of the profound secrets of the universe to be revealed to man. But man is not yet sufficiently schooled in the ways of righteousness to prevent the misuse of this power, and thus the destruction of civilization and of all mankind has not only become possible today but inevitable except God intervene to save us from ourselves.

Solomon declared:

"There is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after." (Ecc. 1: 9-11.)

Ferrar Fenton translates this:

"There is nothing new under the sun. If it is said, 'See! This is new!' It has often been in former times that were before us. For there is no record of past events, and there will be none of future ones, for them to be remembered by those who are still future."

Did men in former times possess the secret; is unlocking the power contained in the atom a rediscovery? If Solomon's statement is correct then this knowledge must have been known in ancient times. Do we have evidence that some such force was possessed by men in the remote past? Yes, and evidence not only of its existence, but that in its wrongful use a pre-Adamic

world was completely destroyed. It may also have been a major factor of destruction when in the days of Peleg (Gen. 10: 25) a whole continent disappeared beneath the waves of the Atlantic Ocean.

The apprehension of some scientists that uncontrolled use of the destructive characteristics contained in the atomic bomb could cause a chain of explosions that would destroy the world is not without foundation in fact if the record of the past is reliable.

Ancient civilizations did exist which had attained a high degree of development. Fragmentary evidence indicates that one such civilization destroyed itself by setting in motion forces which brought desolation and chaos upon the earth in pre-Adamic times.

There is every evidence that a force of tremendous power was loosed in a pre-Adamic period and its energy was not spent until the earth became "void and without form." Could that force have been the energy locked in the atom? Is modern civilization today going to repeat the mistake of that ancient world, or will God intervene to save us from such destruction?

Scientists claim that the present atomic bomb utilizes only one per cent of the possible energy contained in the atom. If the destructive power of the present small atomic bomb is as great as reported, what would be the results from larger bombs with the release of a far higher percentage of the energy stored in the atom?

THE present orthodox approach to the study of the Bible, particularly the account of creation, leaves much to be desired. The story of creation as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis is either accepted or rejected by the theologian according to the particular belief or creed of his denomination. With hardly an exception, theologians have failed to analyze the meaning of

the facts set forth in this record. The first verse refers to a beginning in the remote past when God created the heaven and the earth. The Hebrew word translated *create* means "to prepare, form or fashion" and it implies perfection. Thus the earth was created in perfection and was not created without form and void, a condition described in the second verse.

The chaotic condition recorded in the second verse was the result of a major disaster which overwhelmed the earth and this is later confirmed by the prophets. The perfect creation *became* "without form and void," as described by Moses:

"And the earth was [*Hebrew, became*] without form [waste], and void [empty]; and darkness was upon the face of the deep [or covered its convulsed surface]." (Gen. 1: 2.)

The record goes on to declare that God moved to restore order and life to this planet which had become a desolation and waste. The remainder of the first chapter of Genesis records the successive steps taken in God's plan to restore and replenish the earth.

Isaiah, the prophet, bears out the fact that creation was perfect in the beginning but became a waste, for in speaking of God's work he says:

"He created it not in vain [i.e., in *Tohu*, the same word used in Genesis 1: 2 indicating the earth to be without form], he formed it to be inhabited." (Isa. 45: 18.)

Thus from the beginning the earth was formed to be inhabited for it came from God's hand in perfect condition. Later that perfect creation was destroyed: leaving a convulsed, confused and chaotic condition necessitating a reorganization before the Adamic period could begin.

Further evidence of the truth of this statement is furnished by Jeremiah who gives somewhat more detail and informs us that before the world be-

came without form and void life had existed on this planet and cities had been built. He describes the destruction that came as the result of God's anger which no doubt was directed against the inhabitants of the earth because of existing evil in that pre-Adamic period. If Solomon is right, that there is no new thing under the sun, this destruction could very easily have resulted from the misuse of atomic power. God in His anger against evil could have allowed men to suffer from the consequences of the misuse of natural forces. The same possibility of the mishandling of atomic energy in the hands of evil men could destroy civilization today, if not the earth itself, when the forces of its destructive power are fully utilized.

Envisioning conditions prior to the time when the earth became "without form and void" Jeremiah speaks of an inhabited world which through sin (misuse of power is sinful) was destroyed, perhaps men themselves letting loose the forces which overwhelmed them and their world, for God evidently allowed evil to come to full fruition and a world was destroyed.

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger." (Jer. 4: 23-26.)

Jeremiah was prophesying concerning troublous times in store for Judah and Jerusalem if they failed to turn from their evil ways. In the midst of his discourse he breaks into a description of an ancient world-wide chaos, a significant illustration of the relationship between evil and judgment, indicating that the end of unrepentant sin is destruction. By doing this he has given us information regarding a pre-Adamic race of which the Sacred records were previously silent. The purpose of this interpolation, however, is not simply a discussion of chaotic conditions but to declare that chaos followed the passing of an ancient civilization when man brought upon himself certain doom because of evil. In the great convulsions men perished from the face of the earth and all life became extinct. The fruitful places became a

wilderness and all the cities were destroyed. The reason given is, "at the presence of the Lord and by his fierce anger."

God often uses the evil men do to bring about the fulfillment of His judgments and in this instance man's misuse of natural forces could, and no doubt did, bring about complete annihilation of conditions of wickedness extant upon the globe before the Adamic period. It may well be that the Spirit, through Jeremiah, looked toward a day when men again acquiring scientific knowledge would, with evil intent, release such destructive energies that if God did not intervene the earth would be destroyed in Divine judgment upon men for their sinful ways.

FOLLOWING the restoration of the Earth and the creation of the Adamic race the violation of God's command — which is law unto man — marred the perfection of Eden. The inevitable results followed. Man failed to take the path of righteousness and evil increased, finally compelling God to intervene and the Antediluvian civilization was swept away in the waters of the Deluge. Only Noah and his family were saved to again replenish the earth.

A few hundred years after the Deluge civilization had reattained a high degree of development. Tradition supports the fact that its destruction, too, came about as the result of man's misuse of power. This was in the days of Peleg. The Bible records that Heber had two sons, Peleg and Joktan. Peleg received his name to commemorate a great disaster that occurred in his day.

"And unto Eber [Heber] were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan." (Gen. 10: 25.)

Peleg means division and the Hebrew word translated "divided" is *palag* or, as the celebrated biblical critic Bengelius has pointed out, is *NePeLeGe* meaning a division of the earth by water which happened in the days of Peleg. In the naming of Peleg we have reference to a physical division applicable to land and water. Shortly after the confusion of tongues which occurred in the days of Cush and Nimrod (Gen. 10: 8), the record of which is given in Genesis, Chapter 11, the earth became divided or split asunder and the Atlantic Ocean covered what

formerly was land connecting Africa with the Americas. This separated those residing in the western hemisphere from the rest of the human race and thus men were prevented from further evil conspiracy such as led to judgment upon ancient Babel, resulting in the confusion of tongues.

History furnishes fragmentary evidence that such a disaster did occur. Plato in his Dialogue named *Timaeus* records such a disaster. He makes mention of a vast tract of land beyond the pillars of Hercules (Gibraltar) which was swallowed up in the ocean by a great earthquake. This fact is introduced by Plato as related by Solon (one of the first seven wise men of Greece) who, while in Egypt, heard it from an old Egyptian priest in a discourse with him regarding ancient events. The history of this famous island was given as follows:

"There was formerly an Island at the entrance of the Ocean, where the pillars of Hercules stand [and so beyond the then supposed bounds of Europe and Africa]. This island was larger than all Libya and Asia; and from it was an easy passage to many islands; and from these islands to all that continent which was opposite, and next to the true sea [the Pacific ocean] . . . In after times there happened a dreadful earthquake, and an inundation of water, which continued for the space of a whole day and night, and this island Atlantis being covered and overwhelmed by the waves, sank beneath the ocean and so disappeared."

From the time of the destruction of Atlantis ancient legends have persisted in attributing this disaster to the fact that the scientists of that age had unlocked a secret of nature which they used for selfish and evil purposes, bringing about that great earthquake and the destruction of their continent with its civilization. The Germans in their reference to the release of atomic energy have alluded to its effect as that of a powerful earthquake but which would be limited in radius. If the release of such energy destroyed a pre-Adamic world and later a continent, the uneasy fears of men engendered by the present atomic bomb are not without foundation.

TODAY, once again, we stand at the parting of the ways. Through science man has been enabled to unlock one of nature's greatest secrets. Will the titanic forces placed in his hands become an instrument of good, or evil?

Will its possession mean ultimate destruction of the earth, or will it be used to bring extraordinary benefits to all mankind?

So long as the secret of the atomic bomb remains the exclusive property of peace-loving nations there is little to be feared but, once the knowledge of its construction becomes known to predatory nations, then civilization, and perhaps the world, is doomed. How can we keep this knowledge out of the hands of evil men?

The fact that such a force exists introduces the possibility, and even the probability, that others who will not use it aright may ultimately acquire the information by which they too can build deadly weapons of destruction.

Men of good will have a right to be fearful concerning the future for by its very nature the control of such forces will be coveted by aggressors and cannot always remain the exclusive property of peace-loving peoples if the world continues on its present course. Jesus Christ pointed to this generation, when fear would come to men, and prophesied of our day:

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." (Luke 21: 26.)

The meaning of the expression that "the powers of heaven shall be shaken" is worthy of study. The atom is a universe in miniature, with its own central sun, planets and heaven. In the splitting of the atom literally the power (Greek word translated power is *Dunamis*), meaning the violence or strength of heaven, is shaken. The Greek word *Saleuō* is translated shaken and means agitated, tossed or stirred up as by an earthquake or cyclone. The atomic bomb thus produces a cyclonic effect as well as a great heat and light comparable to that of the sun. No doubt its earthquake effect will be increased as men perfect its construction and use. This, then, may be a contributing factor in the coming, predicted, world-shaking earthquake to which all the prophets refer as *the shaking of the powers of heaven*.

It is inconceivable that Russia will move to fulfill Ezekiel's prediction of evil aggression on her part while the atomic bomb remains the exclusive property of the Anglo-Saxon world. Because prophecy depicts a great offensive led by Moscow against the

Anglo-Saxon world it would follow that the Soviets will have acquired information enabling them to use this destructive force. As long as there are unregenerated men and aggressive nations it is unreasonable to expect we shall be able to keep from them the possibility of using the destructive force of atomic power today, any more than the ancients of the pre-Adamic age were able to prevent the destruction of themselves and their civilization by evil men of that time.

Some of the secrets of German experiments have fallen into Soviet hands. Prof. Lange, chief of the great atom-splitting laboratory of Berlin (German General Electric Co.), refusing to obey orders of the Hitler régime, left Germany and entered the service of the Soviet Government, giving them the benefit of his research and knowledge.

Men, lacking the Spirit of Christ, are ever prone to do evil. Titanic forces of destruction when placed at their command are more dangerous to the peace and safety of the world than the possibility of destructive fire if matches are given to a child playing

in a hay loft. In either case inevitable disaster can be expected.

Prophecy indicates the present age is coming to a close. The discovery of atomic power is but further evidence of the ending of an age and demonstrates the vital need of establishing righteousness in the earth.

Jesus said of our day:

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24: 22.)

In the light of this statement it is significant that — following the announcement by Luke of the shaking of the powers of heaven — the promise is given of the imminent coming of Him who only can establish righteousness and prevent men from destroying the earth and all that is upon it. The same Greek word for power is used in this passage that is used in the previous verse in reference to the shaking of the heavens:

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21: 27.)

The nearness of the end of the age and the coming of the Son of Man is in conformity with many other prophetic indications that His return is to occur in our generation. Then, too, we are not to be in fear for the future regardless of what men may plan, or because of the tremendous possibilities of destruction in the atomic bomb. We are admonished at this time:

"When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

God was present in anger at the time the pre-Adamic race disappeared in a catastrophe which destroyed the earth. It is fitting that as civilization has once more reached a time when disaster looms before us His Son, Jesus Christ, is to be present this time but in anger only against those who are responsible for evil as He moves to save those who turn to Him from what otherwise would be inevitable calamity. We are living in a day of expectancy and only the ungodly and the unrighteous need fear for the future, for judgment awaits them. Jesus has promised that for the sake of the elect, in order that they may be delivered from destruction, these evil days shall be shortened.



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Israel Today

MOST of us will testify to the enlightenment of soul and the liberation of thought that have come to us through our discovery of the origin and destiny of our people. It has clarified the Bible for us, and to the seemingly irrational movements of history it has given a direction and a meaning. Simply for its value as a beacon in the swirl and confusion of human activity, as a clue to the maze of human motion, this knowledge ranks as one of the two or three indispensable elements of an ordered view of the world. Having once possessed it, there is no possible way of ridding ourselves of it. It becomes a vital and permanent part of us. We could not empty ourselves of it if we would. Anyone once possessing this view does not abandon it.

All of us would testify likewise that our possession of this truth is not the result of our wishful thinking. Intellectually and by religious training, we were not predisposed to it. It broke upon us through thick folds of other views, and by the sheer weight of its hitherto unrecognized facts conquered our prejudices. It stands on its own feet and will stand though every advocate of it disappear from the earth; it has had power to raise up in every generation those who can perceive and state it; it is written in the imperishable characters of Israel's experience and destiny. For the first time in a rational way, with a clearly perceptible purpose and with a clearly identifiable agent of that purpose, God is seen at the center of human history, and the Person and work of Jesus Christ is more clearly understood as a power in human experience — His Cross is seen truly to be the *Wisdom* of God and the *Power* of God working out in history. It is one of the great gains of our life.

NOW it is always valuable to occupy very plain and practical ground. In our literature, and in the studies constantly being made, great emphasis is placed on the *past* and on the *future* of Anglo-Saxon-Israel in America, but its present is much neglected. The opening of Israel's career, his march out of the pages of the Bible and into what we call secular history, his passage along the Mediterranean and by

various routes overland through Europe until the advance guard of the scattered Ten Tribes met and mingled in the Isles to form the Anglo-Saxon people — all this is known to us; it is the romance of history. Also we have those who peer into the future of Israel through the medium of prophecy. The future of Israel exercises vast influence upon certain types of mind. But as to the Present, as to Today, as to the United States — we hear almost nothing. Israel in the past, Israel in the future, but Israel out there in the streets of a thousand cities today — that is largely ignored. That is, with regard to Israel we often seem to be something that Israel itself never was — bookworms, looking for things in a Book that are really present in a People. The pageant is proceeding outside there — but we can't see it for the printed program.

That, with some of us, is the result, not of thinking, but of acting as if we thought that Israel is comprised only of those who know they are Israel. But the mark of Israel today is that he does not know who he is. Because of his inheritance, because of what God has written in the very fibre of his soul, he goes on being Israel, he goes on stumblingly doing the work of Israel, he goes on fulfilling the destiny of Israel, even though he may not know who he is. It would be better if he knew — he in his millions out there in the streets of a thousand cities — but the fact that he does not yet know in no way diminishes the fact that he is what he is. The only people that ever gave a thought or made an effort to trace the "Lost Ten Tribes" so called failed because they did not know they were looking for themselves, and yet because of something within them they continued the search; now many of them have discovered that they themselves are what they were looking for, with all the promises and all the destiny spoken of them in olden time fulfilled upon them today. As for the millions who have not made the discovery they are not one whit the less Israel.

IT is very engaging to think of historical Israel and of prophetic Israel, but we have never really seen or

realized Israel until we have looked out of our window and recognized him in the teeming multitudes of our streets. Do that, and you will see Israel just as truly today as if you looked out of a casement in Jerusalem in King David's time. It is not a matter merely written in books, but written on the soul and life and tendencies and inner resources of a people. *We are in presence of the thing itself*, not merely something said or printed about it.

It is not an easy view to take. It is not easy at any time to take ourselves out of the sky and orient ourselves with the earth. It is not easy for all of us to see Israel in the street. *But, if Israel is not out there*, then for us he is nowhere.

One thing that makes it hard for us is our prejudiced thought in favor of Israel as a religious people. But Israel, even in the Bible, was not any more religious than is American Israel today. And not nearly as intelligent. Not nearly as disposed to live the Law of God once it is definitely and experimentally known. What you see, if you look, is the Israel of today, much improved, according to promise, after an additional 2,000 years of divine discipline since Bible times, but presenting about the same degree of mixed earnestness and indifference that Israel of old displayed. It is one of the family traits. In any case, it is out there in the street that Israel is today, and *if we knew this* we should be able to judge the present condition of our country with less misgiving and doubt and fear than we often do. No one should have a clearer view of this nation and these times than the person who knows what the great bulk of our people represent.

ANY person who has mind enough to understand and embrace the truth about Israel naturally has mind enough to be sensitive to social trends and alert to the significance of public events. But sensitiveness and alertness only bring pain and confusion unless we can measure and weigh what we see transpiring. To deal at all with these matters one should know his American history as well as he knows his Old Testament history, and he will understand his American history

all the more for knowing his Old Testament. Israel's history in America, as Israel's history in Palestine in ancient days, has something definite to say to us. Many claim to show us in ancient prophecy that the high events of our American history have been foretold. But not many see that when the prophesied event occurred, its very fulfillment became a prophecy of something further on. All the past of our own nation speaks to us about the very things which disturb us today.

In the facts of our American history has been written aforetime that by which we may judge and weigh present occurrences. Space does not permit more than one line of illustration, but that is sufficiently broad to throw light on all the rest. So let us take, as an illustration, attempts to divide our people into classes and interests and opposing camps, and let us think, too, of the fears of good people that these attempts may succeed. For if one knows the Bible and American history, that fear cannot be shared for an instant because 300 years ago in this land Divine Providence began to lay down the lines that will prevent it.

We need only look briefly at the history of division amongst our people to see the full extent of it — how far it has gone, or will go. We of Israel are no strangers to division. Our whole history is an illustrated story of how disunity amongst us always issues in a larger unity. Recall our first great division, when Israel separated from Judah. It must have seemed a terrible thing for the people of that day — the fair fabric of Israel torn in twain, and so unequally — ten tribes to Israel, two to Judah. When Judah would have fought Israel to repair the breach, there came a prophet of God who said, "Ye shall not fight Israel, for this division is of me." The subsequent history of these two branches — Judah and Israel — justifies the providential separation. Then, 2,000 years after that, there was another great breach in Israel, when America tore loose from the Mother Country — and how sorely did people on either side of the sea lament that! But there were prophets of God even then, on either side of the sea, who said, "This thing is of God," and now no one in Britain or America doubts it. For, instead of only one empire in the eastern hemisphere serving as the center of the religion, language, laws and ideals that constitute Anglo-Saxon-Israel civiliza-

tion, what did we get? We got three such centers — two of them in the western hemisphere — the United States and Canada.

The record thus far would seem to show that Israel was an easy prey to division — yet you will observe that each division resulted in a larger unity; and if you will observe again, not one of those newly created unities has suffered any division since. We now have very definite indications that division is at an end — for, when 90 years after the separation of the American colonies from England it was proposed again to divide Israel in this land, and five years of Civil War were fought on the point, the word came as clearly as if a prophet had spoken — "This thing is *not* to be," and it was not! And that powerful effort at disunion in 1861-65 became the source of a greater unity than had ever existed before.

It is well to consider this not as quoting history alone, but as listening to what Providence has been saying to us in the events we have passed through. But it required half a century longer before we understood that. When we say that an attempt was made to break the Union in 1861-65, we speak inaccurately. There was no Union. There never had been one. George Washington saw forces at work that sometimes made him doubt that there ever could be a Union. The people were broken into 13 bickering parts. It required 85 years to reduce those 13 13ths to two halves — and that unifying process by halves was completed just preceding the year 1860. Yet all the time the nation was forming into these two halves — North and South — people were fearful that it was all preliminary to another great and violent and permanent division. Apparently no one saw at the time that there is more unity in two halves than in 13 13ths — that the nation was moving toward greater unity all the time it was thought to be moving toward division. And in the forging fires of Civil War those two halves were forged into one forever.

But it didn't stop there. It didn't end with 1865. It was not only for our own nation's sake this was done. We had to wait until 1917 to see the message which God had written for the whole world as well as for us in the events of the '60's. For in 1914 world riot broke out and in 1917 we were called — and we were able to respond

as one strong nation, not as a group of little Republics occupying the territory of what is now the United States — and our unity and weight were used for the help of righteousness at that time. And through that service there came a new sense of unity amongst the Israel and kindred peoples of all the nations in the world. Colossal disunity paved the way for greater unity than we had ever known, *until World War II made it even greater!* In these events the authentic accents of the Divine Voice notifies us what the trend of this people is to be henceforth. Division is not in the power of man, but in the hand of the Disposer of events.

Some of us may require that to be made just a little clearer. They may want to know what bearing this has on the attempt to create social unrest amongst us. What does this history show us as to socialism, communism, violent groupism of all sorts that have so vociferously advertised their presence in our midst? Well, there is a chapter of God's Word to us in our American history concerning that point, for you have doubtless noticed that all attempts to divide the American people into classes always fail. You must have noticed also that the American people are very poor haters. They can't hold a hate long enough to put it into action. Charlatans and deceivers who have any deep shrewdness know that. If you want to mislead the American people you must entice them through their good will, you must deceive them with something that appeals to their good will — if you lay stress on any plea for ill will, they will drop you. It isn't in their nature. Hatred doesn't live long in this climate, and it does not find lodgment in the dominant stock of this nation.

THESE are facts. Do you know the ground and origin of these facts? It is very clear. About 300 years ago Almighty Providence in selecting the seed with which to plant this nation took care to select a strain immune to the rust and must of social hate — or rather, He bred two strains together to produce the desired result. Look back 300 years ago and see what is happening. Fleeing into Massachusetts from the oppression of King Charles I of England and his royalists, you see 20,000 Pilgrims and Puritans, for the most part plain people, fleeing from the persecution of the upper classes! Well, times change — and in a little

while Charles had lost his head and Oliver Cromwell ruled in his stead. Look now and what do you see? You see 23,000 royalists and cavaliers fleeing into Virginia to escape the persecution of the lower classes who held the power in England. It is really one of the most remarkable events in history — but what does it mean for us? These two strains — one that fled from the oppression of class, the other that fled from the oppression of mass — now constitute the dominant strain in this country — they merge and mingle

in the blood and soul of every American. And they are a guarantee — a natural and a spiritual guarantee — that neither of these forms of tyranny will ever again be endured in this land. The Hand of God long beforehand wrote that assurance for us on the imperishable parchment of His living people. So, we shall have neither a dictatorship of the upper classes nor a dictatorship of the proletariat. This is part of the Word of God for us in American history. Long beforehand the character is prepared, the type of

soul is molded, the kind of people are prepared and developed and trained that shall be able and inclined to meet certain crises in a certain way. God began to incline our people's hearts far back in the generations. It is amongst the mightiest of the divine works. And it is our assurance and defense today. Israel has only to look into the Word of God written in Israel itself — in his identity and character and destiny — that he may recognize his predestined part and in that recognition be strong.

A Blind People

IN THE providence of God, America and Great Britain have come into possession of the atomic bomb and with it have brought Japan to her knees. Voices are now being raised — both in Congress and the House of Parliament — to internationalize this discovery and give the secret of the atomic bomb to the Council of the United Nations. A United States Senator has declared that only in making this secret public so that all nations may have free access to the information can we hope to prevent future trouble. No nation, he declares, should have the exclusive use of this method of destruction.

The record of history, and particularly of warfare, shows how asinine such a proposal is for the purpose set forth. With the knowledge of atomic destruction in the possession of all nations, the nation striking suddenly and without warning could inflict irreparable damage and win a conflict before it was hardly under way.

One way only can prevent evil aggressors from using this instrument of destruction. It is by keeping the knowledge of its construction from them. This secret in the possession of peace-loving peoples is safe but to give it to all nations, among whom are those who desire war and not peace — a fact many times demonstrated in history — is to invite inevitable trouble. Disregarding those who state otherwise there is only one people on the face of the globe who can be designated as truly peace-loving. They are the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples who alone should possess this secret.

Who in times past has ever heard of Germany, or any of the potentially aggressive powers, feeling they must give to other nations their military secrets or new discoveries. Jesus' statement that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" certainly applies to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples who would give to others information which later could be used to destroy them. If we become so foolish as to share this great discovery with any other nation we will rue the day that the destructive force of atomic energy was ever discovered. No wonder God has declared through Isaiah:

"Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's

servant? Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not." (Isa. 42: 19-20.)

Just as surely as we love peace, so surely are there nations who love war and will go out bent in aggression when it is to their advantage to do so. The atomic bomb in the hands of a nation who might use it to strike suddenly and simultaneously at all our large cities and nerve centers of industry and government in an effort to paralyze our endeavors to meet their evil aggression would prove fatal to our defenses and subsequent war efforts. Let us never be so stupid as to forget there are enemy nations in the world today who would welcome such an opportunity to destroy Anglo-Saxon prestige and power.

The advantage in the inception of armed conflict is, as a rule, with evil aggressors. Lacking scruples, they do not hesitate to make a murderous attack upon peaceful people if by so doing they can assure quick victory for themselves. A war would end under such an attack almost as soon as begun, with millions of our citizens dead or dying in the first few hours of an unequaled, treacherous conflict. May this nation guard the secret of the atomic bomb that it may not become the property of others through our negligence. Thus, in the interest of peace, we will have done all in our power to remove the fear of sudden and fearful destruction which would be ever present if the atomic bomb became the common property of all nations.

Politicians in both the United States and Great Britain, due to their attitude towards major issues in pre-war days, contributed materially to the disastrous effects of World War II.

If we permit the same politicians to handle the secrets which God in His wisdom has given Israel in this critical time we will be doing a disservice not only to ourselves but to all mankind as well.

Let us match the wisdom of the worldly wise with an understanding of the Divine plan and wisdom which gave us, and not Germany or Russia, the knowledge of the use of this force of the universe. Let us keep that knowledge to ourselves for the peace of the world and the good of the human race.

Wayside Beatitudes

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OUR LORD'S BEATITUDES in the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel are familiar treasures in a beloved garden. They are set in orderly arrangement like choice plants which a gardener selects for an effective background or border.

But in the vast landscape of the Scriptures there are other beatitudes blooming like wayside flowers scattered here and there in unexpected places. As the nature lover often finds in woodland pastures unusual plants of exquisite beauty in form and color, so the consistent reader discovers surprising truths awaiting him along the by-paths of the Bible. A treasure hunt for these truths will yield both pleasure and profit. Furthermore, they open up vistas of the future and of remarkable adventures to come for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

The word "beatitude" is defined as "consummate bliss; blessedness." In scriptural usage the keynote of a beatitude is "blessed." The Hebrew word which is translated "blessed" in Old Testament beatitudes is "ashere," meaning "happy, very happy"; in the New Testament beatitudes the Greek word "makarios," meaning "happy," is used.

Outstanding verities are embodied in Bible beatitudes. Foremost among them is the principle that man's happiness depends upon his attitude toward God and God's laws. For example:

"O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee. . . . Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee. . . . Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not to the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. . . . Blessed are they that keep my ways. . . . Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart. . . . Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments." (Ps. 84: 12, 5; Ps. 40: 4; Prov. 8: 32; Ps. 119: 1-2; Ps. 112: 1.)

Trust in the Lord — walk in His law — fear the Lord — delight in His commands. Some may wonder how we can joyfully trust the Lord and fear Him at the same time. It is possible because the fear of God enjoined by the Psalm-

ist is the same kind of fear which produces restraint, reverence and obedience in a well-disciplined home. There is a happy atmosphere in such a home for the child and for others. An unruly, disobedient child is discontented itself and makes others miserable. So it is in the multitudinous family of our heavenly Father.

"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. . . . But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them." (Ps. 103: 13-14, 17-18.)

Another vital principle emphasized in beatitudes is that man's happiness depends upon his willingness to meet all the specified requirements for personal salvation. Note how clearly this truth is stated in Psalm 32:12:

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile."

There is no peace or happiness for a man who knows he has transgressed the civil law. Many surrender before they are apprehended because they cannot endure the burden of guilt. Likewise, men who transgress divine law may put on a bold front but in their hearts they are uneasy. They can never find contentment while conscious that their lives are out of harmony with God's laws and purposes.

Therefore these important questions face every man: how can my transgression be forgiven and my sin covered? how can I know that the Lord no longer holds me guilty of my past unworthiness?

The first step is for one to acknowledge his sinful state. "Fools make a mock at sin," declares the author of Proverbs. A wise man knows that he has "sinned and come short of the glory of God"; he knows too that God "hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

Psalm 51 is an acceptable and universal pattern for the acknowledgment of sin. It is a recognition of sin and a prayer of forgiveness that is perfect and timely for each succeeding generation. No man's transgression will be forgiven, neither will his sin be covered, until he makes that prayer his own.

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. . . . Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Jesus emphasized the necessity of confessing sin when he contrasted the prayers of a Pharisee and a publican. Only a brief supplication voiced in honesty and humility — "God be merciful to me a sinner" — was justifiable before the throne of divine grace. When this prayer wells up from a penitent heart it opens the way to forgiveness of sin.

The next step is to accept Jesus Christ as the propitiation for sin. Paul states the case in his usual clear-cut manner in Romans 5: 8-11.

"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

Paul then goes on to explain that as sin and death entered the world by the disobedience of one man (Adam), so by the obedience of one man (Christ) the free gift of God's grace was made available to all men unto the justification of life; "that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." Writing in Romans 3: 25-26, concerning the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, the apostle makes this declaration:

vation; he is rejoicing because God has forgiven and redeemed the servant nation. It is highly important to note that there is national redemption, as well as personal salvation, in God's plan; and that both phases were effected by the sacrificial death of Christ.

Speaking of the state of redeemed, Christianized Israel, after the Advent of the Messenger of the Covenant, the prophet declares in Malachi 3: 12, "All nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

The essential ingredients needed to establish justice and security in our body politic are national repentance and a return to the laws which God gave to our forefathers when He first made us a nation. So long as we ignore His righteous laws, as laid down in the Scriptures, we will reap internal strife, wars and every form of greed, maladministration and confusion at home and abroad. When we embrace the long awaited opportunity to administer the divinely wrought statutes, we shall reap a harvest of justice and plenty and peace for ourselves and for all the oppressed peoples of the world.

Why have our statesmen, many of them Christians, never seriously considered Biblical statutes as a foundation for *all* practical legislation in our supposedly Christian nation? It is because they have been led to believe that these documents belong exclusively to the Jews; consequently, they associate them with a dead past, little realizing how they are yet destined to form the framework of righteous government for the entire world.

When we wake up to the knowledge that the Christian citizens of the United States and Great Britain constitute the bulk of that "nation whose God is the Lord, and the people of His inheritance," we will then recognize and value, as a precious heritage, the laws, statutes and judgments which God gave to our race through Moses. Indeed, Christ himself approved and established them as the legal basis of his Kingdom of heaven on earth.

Finally, man's happiness is guaranteed for time and eternity when he meets God's requirements for the individual and for the nation. Study the limitless possibilities for the future in the promises which follow.

"Blessed is the man whom Thou choos-
est, and causest to approach unto Thee,

that he may dwell in Thy courts." (Ps. 65: 4.)

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." (James 1: 12.)

Jesus, being tempted without sin, "is able to succor them that are tempted."

"Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14: 12-13.)

Personality, attitudes and desires will not be transformed by death. (See Rev. 22: 11.) *Now* is the only time to set the sail of the soul and guide its destiny.

"Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching." (Luke 12: 37.)

The Antichrist?

THE question is often asked: "When will the Antichrist come?" To look for the futurist-personal Antichrist is to look downward into the pit, while to look for Christ is to look upward into Heaven. Prof. C. A. L. Totten, fifty years ago, wrote:

"There is not a word about a *personal* Antichrist anywhere in the book of Daniel, or in the Savior's Olivet discourse, for we have clearly shown that this discourse of the Messiah himself must refer to and be merely an enlargement of the purely Messianic prophecy of Gabriel in the ninth chapter of Daniel! Thus, the discourse itself seems to leave no room at all for *such* an Antichrist as some of us have been expecting, nor even a short-scale repetition of the already nearly consummated full measure rôle of that great Pagan-Papal system which, without any redeeming feature whatever, was and is sufficiently anti-Christian to satisfy, as we now see it, all the other prophecies in the Bible."



Men and women with the forward look, who are alert and prepared, are especially useful in the Master's work.

"Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Rev. 19: 9.)

This is the glorious experience referred to by Jesus in the parable of the ten virgins; also in the parable of the marriage of the king's son, where the man appeared without a wedding garment. The urgency of suitable preparation for this great event is the central thought in both parables. This marriage supper of the Lamb has, furthermore, a national significance and application. The prophet Hosea writes joyfully of the time when God would redeem the northern Kingdom of Israel from her divorced state:

"I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. I will give her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. . . . I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. And I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord." (Hosea 2: 14-15; 18-20.)

"Behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. . . . Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22: 7, 14.)

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years." (Rev. 20: 6.)

Note the progress in these beatitudes. Step by step faith moves onward and upward until it brings believing hearts through doubt, temptation and death into the gates of the city of God, where they shall live and reign with Christ in his Kingdom "forever and ever."

So, whether one views the Sacred Word from the mountain peaks of its main highways, or from its wayside paths, he finds the same imperishable truths lighting his way. "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors." (Prov. 8: 34.)

The Bible and the Atomic Bomb

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THE whole wide world was astounded and stunned when President Truman made his epochal announcement that a new secret weapon had struck Japan, presaging the early ending of the war.

The weapon was the atomic bomb, a projectile that looses the stupendous energy of the atom with a light brighter than the sun at noonday, a heat more than twelve times hotter than the sun itself, an explosive power greater than 40,000,000 pounds of TNT, and the equivalent in destructive force of 2,000 B-29 Superfortresses.

The great energy, heat, light and other rays do not come from ordinary combustion; but from the splitting of the atoms which are the very small particles that make up the molecules.

The official announcement that uranium is the basic atomic material gives a clue to the composition of the bomb and how it operates. When a single atom of uranium is split it releases 200,000,000 electron volts. One molecule of TNT releases 5 electron volts and there are many atoms in one molecule. Thus we catch an idea of the comparative feebleness of TNT.

The tremendous energy generated by the breaking up of the atom and the liberation of the electrons may be computed by the mathematical formula — the quantity of energy equals the quantity of the mass multiplied by the square of the velocity of light.

Light travels at the rate of 186,000 miles per second. The splitting of one pound of atoms would therefore mean 34,596,000,000 foot pounds of energy, or according to another calculation ten billion kilowatt hours of energy. The horrific impact of such a force can scarcely be imagined. Little wonder that the explosion of the atomic bomb in Japan was recorded by the seismographs in the United States, the British Isles and Switzerland.

A New Era

The test explosion of the atomic bomb in New Mexico that day set a new date in human history: a new era burst upon the world: man entered a

new realm of nature and a new civilization was in the making.

For all of the centuries since the fall in Eden, humanity had dealt with the action and reaction of matter in what may be called its normal status. But now man has tapped the potentialities of the primal and basic energies resident within the particles of which matter is composed. A portion of that innate energy of the universe has been captured for man's use, an achievement which dwarfs every physical advance of the race hitherto.

Prayer and Praise

In the consideration of such a stupendous event, there are, at least, three forms of approach — the scientific, the philosophic, and the religious.

In our present discussion we have chosen the last named — the religious approach, and at once join with Mr. Churchill in saying:

"We must indeed pray that these awful agencies will be made to conduce to peace among nations and that, instead of wreaking measureless havoc upon the entire globe, they may become the perennial fountain of world prosperity."

However, we cannot but pause in the exuberant joy over the victory which is ours and humbly thank Almighty God that the devastating weapon was entrusted to our hands. Throughout all America there should roll up a vast volume of praise that the implement of such gigantic destruction did not fall into the control of our enemies. Both Germany and Japan were frantically working to complete the equipment for its use while blatantly boasting of the forthcoming secret weapon.

Back to the Bible

American scientists, with the collaboration of British and Canadian scientists, were given the solution of the problem. But, superior as they are as scientists, and marvelous though their achievement is, it is with very crude hands that they have seized the stuff of which the universe is made.

The scientists, regardless of the fact that they have produced this wonder,

are, from a scientific point of view, just as ignorant of the root cause of the phenomenon as is any ordinary layman. To reach the cause from which springs the enormous power, we must go back to the Book of books.

For a number of years the writer has been proclaiming that the greatest single event in the scientific world in this century would be the discovery of God in the laboratory. As Moses, in the ancient day, from the cleft in the rock, caught a glimpse of the afterglow of the Almighty, so for the first time the physicist has caught a glimpse of the omnipotence of God in the cleft atom.

Long ago the Apostle Paul pointed out where the scientist could find the knowledge of God:

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead." (Rom. 1: 20.)

Goodspeed translates:

"Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible nature — his eternal power and divine character — have been clearly perceptible through what he has made."

The Sweet Singer of Israel fully realized this great fact when he sang:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

"Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

"There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

"Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

"Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

"His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." (Psalm 19: 1-6.)

Science describes what has been done as "harnessing the sun's force and sealing it in a bomb."

Where to Begin

The atom consists of the protons, the neutrons and the electrons ar-

ranged very much like our solar system with its planets revolving around the central sun. Both the atom and the solar system are but parts of the cosmos, the divinely ordained order of the universe. It therefore becomes plain that the place where scientific research must begin is with the basic statement made in the first line of the Word of God: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

The Dual Nature of God

The Hebrew word for God, used in the first sentence of the Bible, opens up a wonderful vista of scientific as well as religious truth. The word translated "God" is Elohim. This has furnished an unusual problem for biblical scholars. Strange to say, though the Bible teaches monotheism, the word Elohim is plural while the verb which accompanies it is singular. The best that theologians have reached in solving the difficulty is the statement that Elohim is expressive of the divine nature and the multiplicity of the divine powers.

The proper personal name for God in the Old Testament is "Jehovah." But throughout the first chapter of Genesis God is presented as Elohim, the Creator. In the second chapter he is designated as "Jehovah Elohim." That is, Jehovah, the covenant making and covenant keeping God, acting as the Creator. Thus it is evident that Elohim is a title setting forth the creative power of God.

The ultimate root from which "Elohim" is derived has the meaning: to twist, the body rolled together, mighty strength. Accordingly, Genesis 1:27 discloses the dual nature of God as the source of the maternal and paternal principles of life:

"So God [Elohim] created man in his own image, in the image of God [Elohim] created he him; male and female created he them."

The plural, Elohim, also makes plain that there is resident within God, as the source, that which material science designates as the basic principle of energy: the positive and negative of electricity.

Students of the divine act of creation held to the idea of the combination of the right revolving and left revolving spirals as the divine method for the production of matter. Be that as it may be, the fact remains that the combination of the positive and the negative

of electricity furnishes the method of all the production in nature and is also the stabilizer of matter. Their separation could mean the disintegration of the universe.

Christ the Source

Some have translated the Hebrew word in Genesis 1:1 rendered "in the beginning" as "from source." Whether this is the correct translation of the word or not, the heavens and the earth were created from divine essence. In his profound description of the origin of creation, the Apostle John declares concerning the only begotten Son:

"Without [apart from] him was not anything made that was made." (John 1:3.)

In Revelation 3:14, Jesus is called "The beginning [the commencement] of the creation of God." In Colossians 1:15-17, He is described as

"The firstborn of every creature [of all creation]: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible. . . . And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

The Cohesive Force

Here we have an absolute, fundamental statement, to which all scientists would do well to take heed — "He is *before* all things, and by him all things *consist*," that is, are held together, stabilized. He, therefore, is the cohesive force of all creation, from the smallest atom to the universe of universes.

The ancient book of Job calls attention to the manner in which He holds in balance all that He has made:

"Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?" (Job. 37:16.)

There is direct reference here to the poise in which our Lord holds the clouds until he permits them to pour out the rain upon the earth, or to strike with His lightning. It is the same poise in which he holds the universe and makes possible the order of the cosmos, upon the basis of which the astronomer can declare a century in advance at what moment a star or planet will pass a given point in the heavens.

It is in the same poise that He holds the energy of the atom until He is willing to permit it to pour out its power and strike with the force of a million thunderbolts.

For this reason He is called "The

Lord of Sabaoth," "The Lord of hosts." Every atom, principle, law and energy of the infinitudes is under His direct control and obedient to His command.

The Destruction of the Pre-Adamic World

There seems to be no doubt that it was by the release of atomic energy that the pre-Adamic world was destroyed. Whatever may be the truth regarding the Atlantians, described by Plato and Herodotus, and the continent of Mu, there is no doubt that the world that then was came under the punitive judgment of God and was completely destroyed.

The Bible begins with the statement concerning the primal creation. The reading closer to the exact Hebrew is "In beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The eons which elapsed between verse one and verse two have been conjectured, but science has measured the age by radium and declared it to be one billion, eight hundred million years.

During that period there existed what is known as the reptilian age, the saber-toothed tiger, the five-toed horse, and all the other strange creatures which the evolutionists try to make links in their hypothesis: the age when the fossils were formed, the coal beds were laid, and the oil pools were established.

The better reading of the original Hebrew of Genesis 1:2 discloses the fact that the surface of the earth was destroyed and every living thing on it: "And the earth became a ruin [waste] and uninhabited." The Hebrew words are "tohu va bohu."

The same Hebrew words "tohu" and "bohu" are used in Isaiah 45:18. Goodspeed translates: "He did not create it a chaos, he formed it for a dwelling place." Moffatt: ". . . made it no waste, but for inhabitants." And Ferrar Fenton translates in his characteristic manner:

"Thus saith the LORD Who created the SUNS,

The GOD who formed the EARTH, and provided its laws,

Formed it not for a waste, but for men to reside."

Corroborating this rendition of Gen. 1:2 is the fact that in the New Testament where time is designated as "before the foundation of the world," the better reading of the Greek is "before the destruction of the world." (John 17:24, I Pet. 1:20.) In Genesis

1: 1. we have the original creation of the earth; in Genesis 1: 2, the picture of its utter desolation.

How God Destroyed the Pre-Adamic World

This is most remarkably revealed in Psalm 97: 1-4:

"The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about."

The last sentence is a general declaration concerning God's method of destroying His enemies. It is written in the *present* tense. But note the change to the *past* tense in the next two verses:

"His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, the Lord of the whole earth."

Plainly this is the statement of an historic event, a world-wide cataclysm. Evidently, it was a colossal discharge of energy over the whole world, with a brilliant flash of light that lighted the whole earth, an impact that made the planet tremble, and an exceedingly great heat that caused the surface of the earth to melt like wax.

The burnt and scorched earth may readily be traced under what geologists call "the new formation"; and all of this tallies with the reports concerning the action of the atomic bomb in the New Mexico experiment and over Japan.

In that ancient day the intense heat vaporized the waters of the rivers, the lakes and the ocean forming the canopy of vapor over the whole globe. Therefore there is doubtless a direct reference to this catastrophe in Psalm 18: 13-15, which according to Goodspeed's translation reads:

"The Lord thundered from the heavens, The Most High uttered his voice. He let fly his arrows and scattered them; Lightnings he hurled and routed them. Then the floor of the sea was revealed, And the foundations of the earth were bared At thy rebuke, O Lord, At the fierce breath of thy wrath."

Another marvelously vivid description of the great universal holocaust is found in Nahum 1: 3-6:

"The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

"He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry; and drieth up all the rivers:

"The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

"Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him."

From the instantaneous character of the destruction which left Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim in ashes, it would seem that the same atomic force was used and described as "fire and brimstone." (Gen. 19: 24, 25.)

The Blast of the Almighty

Divine inspiration used lightning, thunder, storm and whirlwind to express divine power and "consuming fire" to express his awesome majesty and destroying force.

In divine love God can and will cleanse the nations by the consuming fire of His Holy Spirit. But if nations persist in their rebellion, He can destroy them, in the twinkling of an eye by His consuming fire.

Several times the Scriptures speak of the devastating "blast" of the Almighty in which we have the most impressive description of divine power, directly applied, and which comes nearer to presenting the essence of atomic energy than any other biblical statement we have found.

By "the blast" is meant the violent exhalation of the Eternal God. In the marginal reading of II Samuel 22: 16, describing the force that destroyed the ancient world, we have the statement:

"And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils."

Job 4: 9 declares:

"By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed."

There will be nations, even during the millennium that will be broken by the strict discipline of the scepter of iron and others will "perish utterly" as did the pre-Adamic race "by the blast of his anger." (Psalm 2: 9-12, Isa. 11: 4.)

Criticism of America

Some may criticize the United States for the use of the atomic bomb; but there are a number of things to be considered.

There was a very definite international race for the completion of the bomb and it would most certainly have been poured out upon America without stint had the enemy possessed it.

Japan was given fair warning and ample time to surrender but it was very evident that Japan understood no language and would heed no language but applied *force*. It had to be with them as it was with Germany when President Wilson, while declaring war, said: "If it must be *force*, then let it be *force*, *force* to the uttermost."

In the light of the suicidal fanaticism of the Japanese, their method of warfare which made the war of the Pacific the bloodiest in all history, and the fact that to continue would have meant many more Iwo Jimas and Okinawas, the use of the atomic bomb, though it seemed ruthless, was an act of mercy toward all engaged. Even Hirohito declared that it shortened the war. In doing so, it saved many times the number of lives it destroyed. Mr. Churchill said it saved the lives of 1,000,000 Americans and 250,000 British soldiers. According to the proportion of Japanese deaths to the Allied deaths in battle, the bombs saved at least five times that number of Japanese.

What kind of reasoning is it that condemns, with a tear in the voice, the use of the two atomic bombs that stopped the war, and at the same time condones the use of the equivalent force, 2,000 B-29 Superfortresses daily for a long duration?

Among the nations it was Japan which began the dropping of bombs upon helpless civilians. This, with the brutal cruelties enacted upon war prisoners, in the very nature of things, called for something extraordinary in the way of retribution. They took up the sword and were thrown down by it. They sowed the wind and they reaped the whirlwind.

As God's "battle ax and weapons of war" the United States, Britain and Canada were given the atomic bomb to bring to abject humiliation an arrogant savage people who observed neither international law, God's moral law, or the common decencies of civilization. Under the law of God they were to receive double (Rev. 18: 6).

Custodians of the Bomb

Strategic issues which were bones of contention among military experts now take on a different aspect. Security of nations can no longer be con-

fined to geographical location. The unlocking of the prodigious energies of the electrons endows mankind with powers that dwarf any the race has ever been able to discover or control.

The nation holding such a huge bludgeon not only occupies first place in military security, but is in the position of being the arbiter and peace maker of the world. Its advent and present custody has thus disrupted, if not destroyed, most of the power politics worked out at San Francisco.

The possession of such a destructive force by an evil-minded or selfish nation would make it the greatest menace of the ages, destroy all hope of liberty for mankind and jeopardize the very existence of the race.

Already there are abroad suggestions by the representatives of the sinister forces to the effect that the United States, Britain and Canada should be the custodians of the secret of the bomb until it can be turned over to an international security committee.

Let us pray that no such action shall be taken; and more than that, let us oppose it vigorously at all times in every way possible.

Regardless of the fact that the United States put \$2,000,000,000 into its production and rightfully owns it, there is a moral obligation to the God who gave it to guard it from every evil power. Under God, it is a "charge to keep" for the peace and welfare of

the world. A betrayal of the God-established trust would certainly be fraught with dangers unspeakable.

We sincerely hope that the announcement is true, that the secret of the bomb reposes with three carefully chosen men. If this be fact, then under the mighty hand of God may it continue so to be.

The Economic Values

The idea of the dawn of the age of atomic energy brought under control for domestic use brings forward many dreams of a marvelous transformation in the routine of everyday life and the banishment of all drudgery.

From all that has been told by the prophets concerning the release from the Babylonian economic system and the happy conditions under which men shall live in the coming Kingdom of God on earth, it would seem that electronic power is the answer regarding how the great world change will be accomplished.

While eye hath not seen nor ear heard; neither hath it entered into the heart of man what God hath prepared for them that love Him; one can anticipate what the control of atomic energy may mean when there are at least 92 elements to draw from. Linked to this, the "Father of Lights" can give to our scientists the wisdom to get light and heat and power and a multitude of other blessings from the

never-failing supply of the infinitudes; and ultimately without cost to the consumer (Isa. 55:1.)

God's Vote of Confidence

There seems to be no other way to explain the fact that the bomb and the equipment for its use were on hand at the psychological moment than:

1) That God is fulfilling His promise to shorten the war for His elects' sake (Matt. 24:22).

2) That the United States and Britain are the chosen nations to set free the captives taken by Japan (Isa. 49:8-9).

3) That the hour has arrived for the entrance of mankind into a new phase of existence and that God has given the Israel nations the leadership.

4) That God has not forgotten His blessing pronounced by Jacob upon Manasseh: "He also shall become a people, and he *also* shall be great." (Gen. 49:19.)

With all of her resources, her production in field and factory, her gratuitous gifts and services to the needy of the world, her achievements in military prowess, and finally, in the production of the atomic bomb, the United States is now conceded to be the greatest nation in the world: all of it solely a vote of confidence given by the God of nations, a trust to be humbly received and earnestly, honestly and prayerfully fulfilled.

Stumbling Blocks

"THE holy man David," ironically states Henri Robert Petit, "spiritual leader" of French Fascists in his book, *Où va l'Eglise?*, "was accustomed to tying his victims between two logs, then sawing the logs in two."

Petit doubtless got this idea from translations taken from the Vulgate and Septuagint of II Samuel 12:31, which reads as follows: "And he [David] brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln: etc. . . ."

The atrocities mentioned in this verse are shocking, to say the least. Now it is well to bear in mind that when David sinned by seducing the wife of one of his generals, and by having this general killed in battle, the Lord informed him — by means of Nathan the preacher — that he would pay dearly for this sin; and he *did*, despite his confession and repentance. Well, is it not strange that the Lord did not punish David for, nor disapprove of, the acts of hideous cruelties above mentioned? The explanation is simple: David never was guilty of such crimes!

Ferrar Fenton, in his translation direct from the Hebrew, renders the verse as follows:

"He [David] brought out the people and settled them in Megrah, and at the iron-works, and to manufacturing iron, and distributed them through his dominions, etc. . . ."

And in a footnote this able translator informs us that the earlier translations are perversions of the original Hebrew. Here is his valuable footnote to this verse:

The hideous cruelties represented by the Septuagint, Vulgate, and our old translators, to have been practised upon his captives by David, have perverted this passage into one totally contrary in meaning to the Hebrew text, which is as I render it. The Latin translators, full of the national brutality of their countrymen, the Romans, seemed to imagine that the more atrociously cruel they represented a man to be, the more glorious and admirable he would appear. This was the ideal of the heathen Romans, but not of the Sacred Scriptures, and it is a shame to modern scholars to have been enslaved to it so long.

Is it not possible that God purposely permitted such mis-translations — providing the critics with stumbling blocks to prevent them from finding the door to the light? For it is true that those who persist in seeking darkness will find only what they seek.

— L. A. PRINCE

The Significance of the Atomic Bomb

By RUPERT GAUNTLETT

WHEN studying the many historical events which the writers of the Old Testament see fit to include in their records, we shall in the majority of instances fail to arrive at their true significance unless we appreciate the fact that these events are also of a prophetic nature and are given to us, who live so many hundreds of years after their occurrence, mainly for this secondary reason. Though we need have no doubt but that the events recorded actually took place, their meaning for these days lies rather in their symbolical foretelling of events to happen in a future age — an age which has now arrived.

As we read these various episodes we must also realize that they took place in a pastoral age and although having a prophetic reference to events to occur in a scientific and mechanical age, at that time in the future, the various writers had no means of expressing or describing those things of which they spoke. Our meaning here is best explained when we point to the evolution of our own language, which yearly grows more and more complex as we find ourselves obliged to invent new words to describe new discoveries. The invention of the internal combustion engine brought in its train a vehicle for transport which in turn provided us with a word to describe it and so the word "automobile" came into use. The automobile was misused and eventually a death dealing "land fortress" arrived and for this we are employing the word "tank". Ancient writers, as Joel, found themselves without words to describe these and other things of our modern day and perforce fell back upon the language of their own times and thus was "symbolology" born. The reader is asked to bear these things in mind as he reads the first eight verses of the 11th chapter of Genesis, which form the frontispiece to this article:

1) "And the whole earth was of one language and one speech."

To appreciate the meaning of these words we must remember of whom they were written: the descendants of Noah, and at that time the division of the nations recorded in the previous chapter had not taken place. Speaking one language, these people were able to "pool their resources" or, in other words, to contribute, each to each, the discoveries which the wise amongst them were able to make. Great material progress was envisaged and with that progress there arose among them the spirit of rebellion and disbelief in the Word of God.

2) "They said, go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach up to heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

This is the story of the building of what is commonly called the tower of Babel, and behind these few words which comprise the story lies the common assumption that this tower was intended to lift them above any possible flood with which God might once again destroy the earth. If this was in fact their original intention, then it is clear that they had not accepted God's promise to Noah that He would not again use this means of destruction and their building of the tower was an act of defiance and unbelief. But the Scriptures do not tell us that this was their reason and it is unwise to adopt any such view. It is recorded that the tower was built upon the plain of Shinar and had they really intended to build something which should rise higher than the mountains, surely it is upon the summit of the highest among them that they would have begun their work. We prefer the simple scriptural statement that the tower and city were built as evidence of their own greatness and grandeur, somewhat as at a later date Nebuchadnezzar built Babylon as a monument to his power and majesty (Dan. 4: 30).

3) "And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language;

and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

Here again is the reference made to their "one language" and by implication the results ensuing from it. Thus it would appear as though no vast concourse of men can be gathered together without contamination of some kind rapidly running through the whole assembly, as was of course declared by St. Paul when he said "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (I Cor. 5: 6).

In this connection we have only to look at the recent history of Japan to see how frightful has been her lot since the "leaven" of western civilization was injected into her fabric. For hundreds of years she had obstinately and systematically sealed herself off from all contact with the outer world and then, suddenly, she determined to "westernize herself!" She adopted all the worst that is in our civilization and has now reached the end of her inglorious run. How much better for her had she kept herself aloof from ways of life for which she had no natural affinity.

4) "Let us go down and confound their language . . . and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

The whole of this story from which we have epitomized these four salient features can now be considered as an entirety. From it, it is clear that the division of man into nations and the confusion of tongues by which this was brought about was the act of God and was for the purpose of disallowing co-operation between the nations, insofar as that co-operation was directed against Himself. In declaring that "nothing will be restrained from them" surely God was not referring merely to a building or even a series of buildings, however grandiose the object. We must assume that this "tower" represented to the mind of Moses the scientific attainments to which this "latter

age" has reached, towering over the achievements of all earlier ages. In their way the "sky scrapers" of New York symbolize the same thing!

For centuries the lack of linguistic facility among the nations has been gradually overcome, knowledge has been increased, men of every tongue have met together and, pooling their resources and wisdom, there has evolved the Atomic Bomb — an amazing monument indeed to "that which they have imagined to do." Humanly speaking, how much better that God had descended and confounded their language and scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth. That He did not do so, that He allowed this discovery to be made surely implies that He at any rate has a beneficial purpose in permitting this discovery and in locating it among the Anglo-Saxon people. To this we shall refer again.

Never since that immemorial instant of time when God said, "Let there be light", thus releasing the power of the atom, has any such similar event occurred until July 16th last when the first atomic bomb, an experimental one of small size, was detonated at Alamogordo in New Mexico. Shattering as the immediate consequences of this trial explosion were, they were as nothing compared to the destruction wrought upon the two Japanese cities which immediately followed and the implications which lie behind that destruction are even greater still. Japan's will to war ceased with almost as great suddenness as her attack upon Pearl Harbor began it; but this is a little thing, terrible as it is, as compared with the vast powers that man has now wrested into his own hands, which may be used for good or ill, and *it is this option for misuse which so vitally concerns the whole world today*. Well, indeed, may God have said "now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do." The fear of the consequences following upon this discovery is already manifesting itself among us; men are realizing that unless this power is curbed and controlled we may bring upon ourselves the actual dissolution of this planet!

Trivially, but nevertheless significantly, one of the Columnists in the London *Daily Express* of August 7th tells his readers that "the West End of London is organizing 'End of the World parties'." Irresponsible people have seen the awful warning contained in this discovery and have thought of

nothing better to mark its meaning than to indulge in orgies of merriment and perhaps worse, even as Nero himself "fiddled when Rome was burned." May we not thank God that there are among us those with a wider and truer vision. Mr. Winston Churchill in a statement which he wrote immediately before he left Office, records his own reactions to what has come about and we should do well to heed them:

"By God's Mercy, British and American science out paced all German efforts. These were on a considerable scale but far behind. The possession of these powers by the Germans at any time might have altered the result of the war and profound anxiety was felt by those who were informed. . . . This revelation of the secrets of nature, *long mercifully withheld from men*, should arouse the most solemn reflections in the mind and conscience of every human being capable of apprehension. We must indeed pray that these awful agencies will be made to conduce to peace amongst the nations, and that instead of wreaking measureless havoc upon the entire globe they may become a perennial fountain of world prosperity."

In the first place let us realize with all the gratitude of which we are capable that this discovery was first made by our people of the Anglo-Saxon race, and that the immediate results are in our hands. Let us, with Mr. Churchill and others, realize that though the Germans were a long way behind nevertheless they were on the way. Let us realize, too, that our success was greatly helped by scientists from the Continent of Europe, men of other tongues, whose loyalties to the Anglo-Saxon Allies can be by no means relied upon. In saying this we impute no blame to them — patriotism is something we can ill afford to deride where-soever it appears. But the day may come when in duty they may consider it necessary to divulge their knowledge to the nation from whom they sprang.

Let us above all realize that in this race the hand of God has been shown and that without His help it may well have been Germany that reached the post first, with results that many of us would have never lived to record. For years Hitler was boasting of that secret weapon with which he would one day lay the British Commonwealth in ruins but in engaging upon this plan he was ignoring or disbelieving God's promise that no weapon formed against us should prosper (Isa. 54: 17). He entered upon that race with the die already cast against him and right

willingly do we give to God the honor and the glory for the success that has marked our efforts. This is however but the beginning; when the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, we were told that its power so greatly exceeded that dropped on Hiroshima that the first one was already obsolete. Little wonder that men's hearts are now failing them for fear.

Very naturally there are two distinct types of reaction to our first use of this power. There is the humanitarian and pacifist attitude which sees no further than the appalling slaughter such as has fallen on Japan and there is also the attitude of those who believe that the shortening of the war by all available means was the best way. Surely, however, there should be a third point of view and we should ask ourselves: What is God's purpose in the war men once again let loose upon one another? Has the war been yet another of the myriad instances of mutual slaughter leading nowhere, or is it perchance the long foreseen war to end wars which ushers in Christ's Millennial reign upon earth? If it be this then the problem is altogether different and we must expect the drastic removal of those things that can find no place in His Kingdom.

"For behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." (Isa. 26: 21)

Only the most utter blindness can hide the fact from our eyes that there has been something most terribly wrong with this world from the days of the Fall, growing worse and worse with each succeeding generation until at last we have attained to such terrible powers that the future of mankind is one of either utter horror or *Divine control*, for nothing less will bring permanent peace to this war torn earth. In our own generation we have watched the growth of the dictatorships which have not hesitated to claim paramouncy with the Highest, and indeed it was said of Hitler by one of his followers that he was "greater than Christ." Such a challenge, made once before, when Lucifer said "I will be like the Most High" (Isa. 14: 14) must be answered again, as it was then, and it is to this answer that Isaiah probably refers when he tells us that the Lord cometh out of His place, as referred to above.

That Japan should have been the

first to feel the awful power of the new discovery seems to have been foreseen by Esdras when he tells us:

"And thou, Asia, that art partaker of the hope of Babylon, . . . I will send plagues upon thee: widowhood, poverty, famine, sword, and pestilence, to waste thy houses with destruction and death. And the glory of thy power shall be dried up as a flower, *when the heat shall arise that is sent over thee.*" (II Esdras 15: 46, 49, 50.)

In the disasters which have befallen Germany, Italy and now Japan, surely we see the removal of those systems which cannot find a place in God's Kingdom on earth as they now are and which may well need the most drastic punishment and remoulding before a place can be found for them in the universal Kingdom which Christ will establish. By God's grace, we that have been forced to use this awful power will take no pleasure in the catastrophe which has befallen our recent enemies but this is a long way from any justifiable criticism of our leaders who have used it, especially as seems certain that this power was put into our hands and ours alone, for just this purpose.

It is clear that *something* has happened, something pregnant with the most awful possibilities for the future of mankind, and should this discovery get into the hands of those that will misuse it, as they have misused every other potentially beneficial invention which God has permitted to illumine the mind of man, the end may well be the obliteration of "all flesh."

Our discovery, far from relieving the tension, has in fact intensified it. We cannot believe that the other nations of the world will now cease their search and it is in the highest degree improbable that the Allied control of the ex-enemy countries can ever become sufficiently effective to entirely prohibit research work directed along these lines. One hundred of these small bombs, the explosive portion of which is stated to be something of the size of a golf ball could completely wreck the industrial cities of Britain in a few minutes of time and, if such power fell into the hands of an enemy, the tragedy of Pearl Harbor might well be re-enacted, only this time with completely shattering and final effects.

Where then lies our defence? Must our own and all succeeding generations live under the threat of annihilation, anywhere and at any time? Is it for this

that God created the world? Has man succeeded at long last in defying the Creator and bringing His work to naught? Has the tower of Babel at last reached completion and is man now able to frustrate the purpose of God? Are we to be dependent upon the continuing goodwill of those nations that but a few weeks ago were directing the whole of their energies to breaking up God's Company of Nations? Has the leopard at last changed its spots and does he already lie down with the kid?

These questions must be faced and if we come to the belief that our defence lies in our own hands and ours alone there is from henceforward no peace possible on earth. For what they are worth, "controls" must be established everywhere, demobilization on anything like a complete scale must be postponed indefinitely, taxation must be maintained at a crushing level and we must give up all hope that the beneficial possibilities of this discovery can ever be brought to full fruition.

Let us therefore revert to our study of the 11th chapter of Genesis with which this article began. Seeing that men could no longer be restrained from the development of all things "which they have imagined to do," God is shown as descending to earth and bringing confusion among them. The present writer accepts this statement as a literal fact, though he is not unaware of certain modern translations of the Scriptures which endeavor to put a different complexion on this part of the story. God descends there-

fore and "men left off to build the city."

If this is, as we believe, a *historical plus prophetic episode* it may well be one among the many that foretell the second coming of our Lord. It is useless to shut our eyes to the fact that the return of the Lord will bring "confusion" as in the days of Babel, the vast masses of the peoples of the world are by no means ready to hand over to His hands the government that is to be upon His shoulder. Even allegedly Christian countries are not yet sufficiently enlightened for this and those that the Scriptures know as "heathen" are even less prepared for national "hara-kiri," for it is as this that they would see it. Nevertheless, if the Lord does not come speedily, we must face the alternatives already given in the foregoing.

Can we not therefore visualize Almighty God once again saying:

"Now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do,"

and once again descending to the earth, this time to take upon Himself the judgment and control of a corrupt humanity. Momentarily and we think with an unwarranted optimism, we can hug to ourselves the comforting thought that our own people will never misuse this invention and that, being in our hands, it will remain sacrosanct and devoted to the amelioration of our physical existence — but *the past history of our scientific successes does not readily support this view.* It would seem that one of two things must happen, either God must wipe from our minds all recollection or traces of this discovery or He must Himself lead us in the utilization of its powers for the blessing of all mankind, in which case the seed of Abraham is on the threshold of attaining to the status for which God created our race.

President Truman, speaking of this matter, said: "What has been done is the greatest achievement of organized science in history" and though this is embryonically true it now remains to see Mr. Churchill's vision reach its fulfillment that "it may become a perennial fountain of world prosperity." To whom can the world turn in trusting confidence that this shall be done? Surely One must come among us who gave His Life for all men, who rose from the dead and behold is alive for evermore. "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus."



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Looking at Our Language

By MARY GRACE KOEPEL

LANGUAGE, handed down from generation to generation, goes through a slow process of modification. The pronunciations change, words are dropped when obsolete, and new ones are formed (or incorporated from other languages) in order to keep abreast of the progress of civilization. English is doing this every day; the language of the present is very different from that spoken by King Alfred, but that was English too! Such has been the elasticity of our language in the past, and such are the omnivorous tendencies of our time that it will probably absorb the living languages of today as it drew from the so called dead languages of the past.

Philologists who have seriously studied the subject have found that English has its root in Asia, coming from the Hebrew — a combination of Sanskrit and Chaldean. Abraham, the father of Jacob, or Israel, came from Chaldea. Naturally he taught his children his native tongue. Sanskrit is the most primitive of the Indo-European languages, and it means "perfected." It is built on a vast logical system of grammar unequalled in any other language. Long before the 15th century B.C. it must have been spoken in India, and is still used by the Hindus as the sacred and literary language of the country. The literary monuments are the oldest in the world! They correspond to the great eras of Indian history when those Aryan tribes, speaking Sanskrit, emigrated to Northwest India and lived there as an agricultural and pastoral people.

In that age were composed the prayers, hymns, and precepts later collected in the form of Vedas. They are dated between 1500 and 1200 B.C. They are written in the same style as the writings of the prophets of Israel; there is nothing in them about caste, transmigration of souls, or incarnation so often spoken of in Hinduism. Botta tells of tribes speaking Sanskrit who went to live in northwest India. About that time, certain of the tribe of Simeon named in I Chronicles (Chapters 4 and 5), went east from Palestine to the fertile valleys. The Reubenites also,

allied with other tribes, dwelt there until the captivity. It is to these people the Vedas have reference.

Professor T. C. Balmer says, "Bearing in mind that it was the purpose of God that Israel should be lost as to their origin — which could not have happened had they retained their language — therefore the Hebrew has been replaced by another tongue; but according to recent research, there is not that great difference between Hebrew and Saxon as is generally supposed. A great many Saxon words are found to be rooted in Hebrew. Welsh and the kindred ancient tongues of Ireland and Scotland have been clearly identified as Hebrew dialects, and English is the only language into which Hebrew can be literally translated."

In their westward journeyings, the Israelites came constantly in contact with other nations and languages. While their language retained a great number of Hebrew, Sanskrit and Arabic words, and kept tenaciously its Hebrew grammatic and idiomatic structure, it was of course influenced by these other tongues. One theory is that English is a Semitic tongue that has long been in contact with the Aryan. It is plausible that after 1,500 years of such contact, certain transformations would take place. There is a large transfusion of verbal roots and dialectic forms along with the Hebrew roots.

In Isaiah 23: 6, we read, "Pass ye over to Tarshish; pass through thy land as a river, oh Daughter of Tarshish." And as a river the ten tribes did move west, to Tarshish which was on the north shore of France and Spain. Eventually they lost their language, religion, laws and even themselves, yet modern discoveries in the science of ethnology and of philology find ample proof of this western wandering. The Kimmerians, or Kymry, whom Homer mentions in Book V of the Odyssey, 900 B.C., were the first of three distinct races to cross the Bosphorus to northern and western Europe. One of their tribes was found in Cimbric Chersonesus, or Denmark, and another,

the Kelts or Galli, on the shores of the sea, both situations well adapted for the subsequent conquest of Britain. A comparison of the Welsh and Irish languages with the Gaulish proves that they did pass over to Britain. It is to these tribes that we must trace those remnants of the ancient tongue to be found in our vernacular. Some time later, their kindred tribes swept over the continent "as a river." The Goths formed the second inundation. The distinction between Kelts and Goths has been definitely established by Dr. Percy.

Three Gothic tribes — the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes, in the fifth century B.C., drove the Kelts and Britons into the mountains of Wales and across the sea to Ireland, and established themselves completely in what we call England. So complete was their conquest that they imposed the laws, religion, and language they had brought from the continent upon the conquered tribes; and while these things have been changed, neither time nor subsequent invasion has been able to expel from the Island the language of the Anglo-Saxons.

While we can hardly expect to have Sanskrit as our language now when we think how many times our forefathers changed their speech in their western migration, yet here are a few words which are almost pure after 3,000 years:

Duhitar — *Daughter.*

Bhratar — *Brother.*

Vadar — *Father.*

Patha — *Path.*

Consider the word "Mother" — Sanskrit, *matar*; Greek, *meter*; Latin, *mater*; Celtic, *mathair*; Slavonic, *mater*; High German, *mutter*; Icelandic, *modhir*; Dutch, *moeder*. There are thousands of other examples!

The very name Himalayas or "Heavenly Mountains" is itself a link which shows that the Germanic and Saxon races must have come from central Asia. The German for "heaven" is *Himmel*; in Alemannic it is *himele*; and in Old Saxon is *himil*.

Few people are aware of the close affinity between Hebrew and English.

The Rev. Jacob Tomlin wrote a book titled "Forty-eight Languages Analyzed and Compared" in which it was shown that early literature of Britain was largely in Hebrew, with several modifications. He says that one fourth of the words in the Saxon tongue bear a close affinity with Hebrew. The Reverend Canon Lysons believes that Hebraeo-Kymric is the superstructure on which our present language is built. He gives a list of 5,000 Hebrew words! The name "Tara" in Ireland is Hebrew for "Two Tables." "Jodhan Morain," which name appears often in early Irish literature, could have been brought to Ireland only by Hebrews or Chaldeans — according to Rabbi Heideck. It is Chaldee for "Urim and Thummim." The name Kelt means *Chaldea*. The "ch" became *K*, the "a" became *e*, and the "d" became *t*, all of which changes are quite normal.

Following are a few Hebrew words with their English equivalent:

Bash — *bashful*.
Dum — *dumb*.
Haras — *harass*.
Metil — *metal*.
Amas — *amass*.
Tar — *tar*.
Haphak — *havoc*.
Tang — *tang*.

Not all the words are so easily recognized, however. In the evolution of a language, certain vowel and consonant changes take place, letters are transposed, and thus the words are more difficult to identify. For instance, the word *Arnbit* is Hebrew for "hare." Notice the transposition. The "ar" became "ra" in English, and the *n* was absorbed by the *b*, and so we have rabbit. The absorption of the *n* is called regressive assimilation, that is, the second sound assimilates the first. Thus: *Arnbit*—*Ranbit*—*Rabbit*. The word "nakas" means *serpent*. Put the "s" before the "n" and we have our "snake." The Greek *aspis*—"asp" in English—comes from Hebrew *ZPA*, transposed. Our word *foliage* comes from the Hebrew *OLI*. The Hebrew "O" is peculiar in that it takes an "F" or "digamma" before it, when transferred into other languages, instead of aspiration. In Latin the word became "folium"; in Greek, "fullon"; in French, "feuille." *Leaf* is derived from "foil" with the letters transposed. *Loaf* has the same derivation; bread was anciently made in broad thin

leaves and stuck on the sides of the oven to bake.

Branch comes from "brach." The "n" is added to strengthen the root. *Willow* is a good example of transposition. The Hebrew is "oriv"; reverse the letters, and we have *viro*. "V" becomes "W" and "r" becomes "l."

Cabbage, a many leaved plant, comes from *QaBazH*, a heap.

Barley, with its drooping head becomes in Hebrew, *Bar LacH*, weary corn.

Farina comes from Latin *far*, all corn that is made into bread, which in turn comes from the Hebrew *Bar*, corn.

Peach is derived from *NePeCH*, a citron. Here the "n" is lost. It is the most unstable of the Hebrew letters.

Ish is man, *Isha*, woman, *Ishi*, husband. It is found as an affix flung liberally throughout our language.

Eth, *Heth*, *Neth* and *Meth*,—all are formed in Hebrew, Cymric, and English. *Abateth*, heather, nether, method.

The Welsh are called *Taffys*, after the daughter of Zedekiah, Taphi.

Some of the most ancient geographical names in England are Hebrew. Yarmouth was probably named for Yarmuth, a town in the tribe of Judah.

Captain H. E. Nicholls, has compiled a long list of Saxon surnames of Israelitish origin, representing probably 35,000,000 people. He argues that if you find a nation and her colonies having the names of Israel before they were lost, you have the lost Israel! A few names are Andrew, Aiken, Cosby, Budd, Janes, Gibbon. Donald comes from Daood. Murray, or Moray, derives from Moreh in Hebrew, and even in 1100 A.D. the Moraymen were called "these ancient people of the East." Campbell or Cahn Bal means "priest of Baal." The Hebrews did not always pronounce the "J" in "Judah," and made it *Udah*. The Isles of the west were called Hebrides, and their Roman name, Eb-Udae, is an inflection of *Udah* into "Udae." Lambeth is a place founded by Lam, an abbreviation of *Lamech*.

There are any number of other names that can be readily traced to their Hebraic origin.

Baal signifies fire, and was the chief deity of the ancient Irish. The language of Ireland is a compound of Hebrew and Phoenician. Scotland and Ireland completely out-Palestine Palestine with their Baalcombinations,—Baallycastle,

Baallygowan, Baalbriggan and dozens of others. All this points to naval transportation and to Israelitish origin and ownership of the ships of Tarshish. Just as British names could not be found in New England unless planted there by Britons so Hebrew names could not be found in the Isles in swarms unless brought there by Hebrews.

The name "Gael," which became *Weal*, and then *Welsh*, comes from Hebrew "Gaer," a stranger, which was the nickname given by the Saxon invaders to the early settlers in Britain.

Kymro means "a priest of an idolatrous system." It is probably closely allied to *Omri*, the Israelitish king who consummated idolatry among the ten tribes. These priests wore black vestments instead of white, as was the custom in the orthodox church at Jerusalem. Perhaps this explains the Black Friars of the middle ages, and also the black preaching gown of today.

These Kymry were undoubtedly the Druid bards or priests supplied by idolatrous Israel. Taliesin, the prince of the bards, said in one of his poems, "My lore has been declared in Hebrew, in the Hebraic tongue."

Etruria is a nation which has proven a problem, but through the Irish language it is possible to solve the mystery of that highly civilized people who filled Italy, Spain, Gaul, and Ireland. In all these countries are innumerable inscriptions written in ancient Irish characters. Through the six centuries of Roman conquest, Ireland alone maintained her independence, no Roman soldier set foot on Irish soil. Yet the Britons, Irish, and Gauls of Caesar's day all spoke the same language.

Sir William Betham says that it is repugnant to common sense to suppose this remote island communicated civilization to the countries around the Mediterranean and to the east, but when we find the same language spoken by people who occupied that region long before Greece and Rome were heard of, the absurdity vanishes. Latin is perhaps mostly derived from the Irish, because the Etruscans of Italy spoke the same kindred language before Latin had an existence.

Hence when we say that English is derived for the most part from Latin, it is about the same as tracing your genealogy only from your great, great grandfather, without taking into consideration that after all he had ancestors, too!

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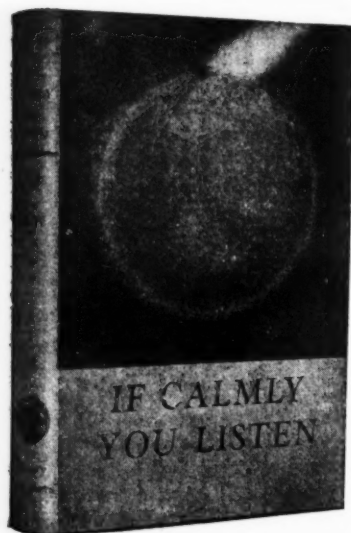
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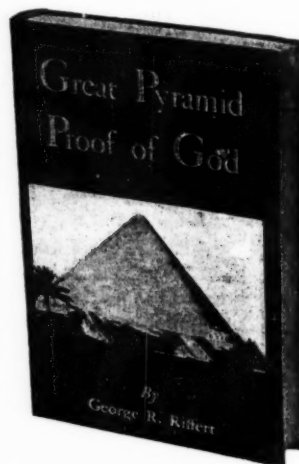


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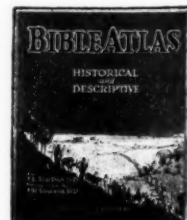
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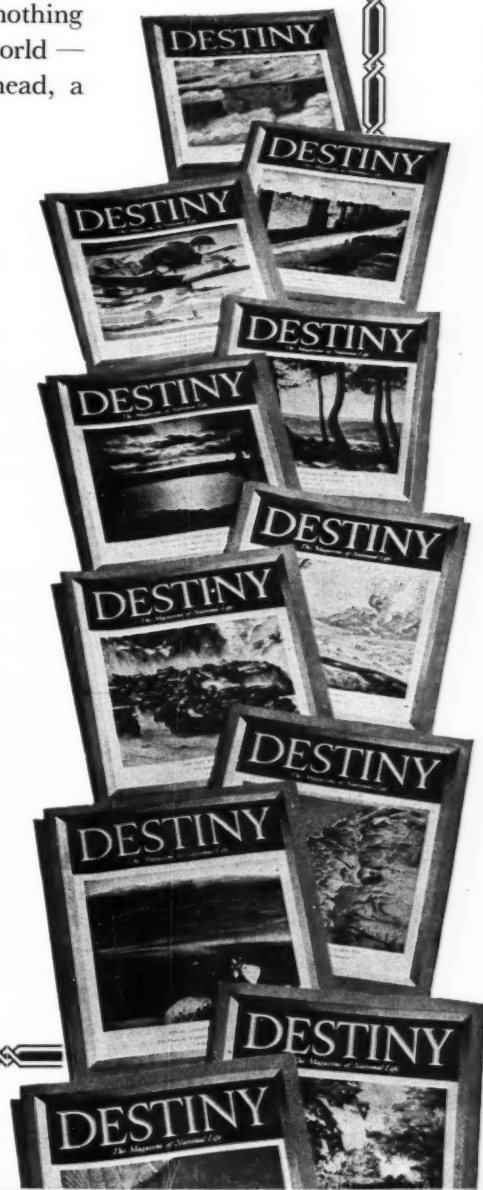
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